

Reagan's man expects little progress



Max Kampelman: sceptical about pact chances

From Alex Brummer in Washington

PRESIDENT Reagan's new chief arms negotiator, Mr Max Kampelman, has been drawn into immediate controversy for expressing scepticism about the chances of reaching agreements with the Russians.

His comments, in an article to be published in next week's New York Times magazine, were made before Mr Kampelman was appointed to the new job. Mr Kampelman later sought to have his name taken off the article, which was written with Mr Zbigniew Brzezinski, a former presidential security adviser, and Mr Robert Jastrow, a professor at Dartmouth University.

In the article, Mr Kampelman argues that Russia's record of compliance with existing arms accords is "sufficiently troubling to warrant scepticism regarding the likelihood of any complex and far-reaching agreement." He argues that far better relations will be needed between the superpowers before there is any chance of completing an agreement.

Mr Kampelman's comments pose a potential embarrassment to President Reagan, who has been making plain in his formal inaugural address that an arms agreement with the Russians will be his second top priority.

Mr Kampelman was appointed on Friday to head a conservative US arms control team which includes the former Senator from Texas, Mr John Tower, and Mr Maynard Hoffman, a veteran of earlier talks on troop reductions in Europe and Euro-missiles. The team will be required to review US bargaining positions for the three sets of talks on space, strategic and intermediate range weapons which the US expects to open in March.

The Soviet media reacted with deep suspicion to the three negotiators named. Mr Kampelman is presented as an anti-Communist hawk, and a committed supporter of the Star Wars programme.

In the New York Times article Mr Kampelman says: "A comprehensive and genuinely verifiable agreement, limiting both qualitatively and quantitatively the respective strategic forces on earth and in space, will require a much more felicitous political climate than currently exists."

He notes that negotiations could lead to such an agreement, but in the setting of intense and profound geopolitical rivalry, how realistic is it to expect in the near future accommodation sufficient to generate the political will essential for a genuine breakthrough in arms-control negotiations?

Among the important factors in Mr Kampelman's selection, according to week-end reports, was his devotion to the strategic defence initiative which the Russians have warned could lead to stalemate in the strategic and Euro-missile talks.

The main surprise in Mr Reagan's arms appointments was Mr Tower as the senior negotiator in the strategic arms talks. The appointment was kept secret until the last moment so as not to alert General Edward Rowny, the chief negotiator during the last round of strategic arms talks, who had expected to be reconfirmed in the job.

President Reagan's National Security Adviser, Mr Robert McFarlane, said yesterday that among the reasons for Mr Tower's selection was his high standing on Capitol Hill.

Split in miners' union at heart of reluctance to allow debate

## Kinnock call fails to move left MPs

By Colin Brown Political Staff

Mr Neil Kinnock last night faced a renewed confrontation with a leftwing group of his backbench MPs after urging them not to stage further disruption in the Commons in support of the striking miners.

Despite the Labour leader's appeals in radio and television interviews, some leftwing members of the Campaign Group said last night that they did not intend to drop their demands in the Commons for a debate in government time on the dispute.

If they do disrupt the Commons it is almost certain that the Speaker, Mr Bernard Weatherill, will suspend the MPs from Parliament. Mr Kinnock showed no sign yesterday of wishing to defend them.

The Labour leadership is said to fear that a parliamentary brawl will damage the party's standing in the country and distract attention from the Opposition attack on the public expenditure white paper which is due to be published tomorrow.

Describing the disruptive action last Thursday as a "self-indulgence", Mr Kinnock said he did not think that targeting the group would be useful.

He also ruled out removing the whip from the MPs as a form of discipline which had been tried in the past and had failed. Instead, Mr Kinnock urged self-discipline on the group.

Interviewed on ITV's Week-end World, Mr Kinnock said: "For a democratic political party, the only effective discipline is the self-discipline of the will to win."

"We're not talking about children, we're not talking about people who've got to be scoured into line. I'm saying to them: 'I'm prepared to treat you as adults, as people who are conscientious, as people who want to win.'"

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FAST BREEDER: Mr Ian Craft, director of gynaecology at Cromwell hospital, west London at a party with mothers and some of the 58 test tube babies born under his in vitro fertilisation programme at the Royal Free hospital, north London and at the Cromwell. Picture by Graham Turner

## French envoy implicated in spying

From Ajay Bose in New Delhi

FRANCE yesterday recalled its deputy military attaché to New Delhi after Indian intelligence officers found that a spy ring operating from the Prime Minister's office had sold secrets to a member of the French embassy staff.

At least 12 civil servants and leading businessmen have now been arrested for leaking full details on India's defence agreements with the Soviet Union, satellites, armaments, and lists of intelligence personnel.

Senior government sources allege that the suspects have confessed to copying nearly every secret document to have

passed through the offices of the Prime Minister, the President and the Defence Secretary since early last year.

The principal secretary to the Prime Minister, Dr P. C. Alexander, once one of Mrs Gandhi's most trusted lieutenants, resigned at the weekend after his entire personal staff had been arrested on espionage charges.

The French External Relations Ministry confirmed in Paris yesterday that Lt-Col Alain Bolley had been recalled from New Delhi for talks.

He left India last night, but refused to confirm that he was the unnamed recipient of the stolen secrets.

Dr Alexander was Mrs Gandhi's chief adviser and his

staff often handled sensitive information relating to every field.

Colonel Bolley told French television yesterday that he had not been personally named or accused of anything and that only a French diplomat had been mentioned in press reports. He had served in India for four years. The external relations ministry would not say how long the attaché would stay in France. The Indian Embassy in Paris said it had received no special messages or instructions from New Delhi on the alleged expulsion.

France's relations with India have been smooth, and President Mitterrand, who visited India in November, 1982, had close links with Mrs Gandhi.

Intelligence officials are still investigating the ramifications of the spy ring, but a police source said: "It is difficult for us to believe that he would be collecting such wide-ranging information for just his own country."

According to initial investigations the diplomat may have been selling information to the CIA and to Pakistan. A strong protest has been lodged with the French Ambassador.

Large quantities of photocopies relating to vital strategic matters about India's defence, relations with other countries and future economic plans have been seized by police during raids on the houses of the accused.

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## 'Trial in camera' request to judge

By Richard Norton-Taylor

Prosecution requests for the jury in the Clive Ponting secrets trial to be vetted and for part of the case to be heard in camera were made after the personal intervention of Mr Michael Heseltine.

His intervention explains the prosecution decision, conveyed to Mr Ponting's lawyers over the weekend, that the whole of a top-secret document should be submitted as evidence at the trial.

The document was originally prepared by Mr Ponting and includes evidence about the sinking of the Argentine cruiser, the General Belgrano, during the Falklands war in 1982 with the loss of 368 lives.

After an edited version of the document was produced last week the prosecution suggested that it was up to the defence whether part of the case should be held in camera.

It is understood that this version was put to Mr Heseltine but that on Thursday he said that the whole document should be submitted to the court.

On Saturday at a meeting with the trial judge, Mr Justice Mcowan in his Pimlico, London, home the prosecution asked for part of the trial to be heard in camera. Defence lawyers, who will see the full document today, are still seeking a trial in open court.

Mr Brian Raymond, Mr Ponting's solicitor, said yesterday: "We are now in a totally different ball game, we are fighting a case that has changed almost out of recognition in the last four days."

The prosecution also decided last week to call three Ministry of Defence witnesses: Mr Nicholas Darns, a Higher Executive Officer, Miss Margaret Aldred, a Principal, and Mr Michael Legge, an Assistant Secretary.

Mr Legge wrote a memorandum on the case.

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## Tamil train bombing kills 36

From Eric Silver in Colombo

Tamil separatist guerrillas killed at least 33 Sri Lankan soldiers and three civilians on Saturday night when they blew up a main line train travelling from the north to Colombo.

About 30 more were wounded, according to government spokesmen.

Rescue workers were still clearing the line yesterday between Mankulam and Murukandy, halfway between the Val Devi train's starting point at Kilinochchi and the district capital, Vavuniya. The terrorists had earlier cut the single track to Jaffna so that services north of the Elephant Pass, linking the Jaffna peninsula to the mainland, were suspended.

The Val Devi was blown up by two or three bombs as it passed through dense jungle.

The secretary of the Defence Ministry, General Sepala Attigalle, said that the bombs had been detonated as three carriages full of soldiers were going over them.

The terrorists fired on the wrecked train from both sides. Uninjured soldiers shot back.

successes in destroying three guerrilla bases in the Tamil northern heartland.

General Attigalle commented after the bombing: "These are things one has to expect in a higher-risk area."

None the less, the terrorists have demonstrated again their resilience. They were able to mount a sophisticated operation barely two weeks after the army killed their Jaffna commander and captured large quantities of arms.

The railway explosion, with its high casualties among Sinhalese soldiers, revived fears of a backlash against the Tamil minority in the south. But after equally murderous guerrilla assaults last month the Government showed itself determined to prevent a repetition of the 1983 massacre in which about 400 Tamils died.

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but it was not known last night whether any of the Tamils had been hit during the 20-minute exchange.

This latest attack came just after the National Security Minister, Mr Lalith Kumthudurai, had warned Sri Lankans not to drop their guard after the army's recent

## Cyprus summit fails amid recrimination

From Jane Rosen in New York

The UN summit conference on Cyprus ended in disagreement yesterday but both sides said they were willing to have another round of discussions about reunification later.

President Kyprianou of Cyprus, leader of the Greek Cypriots, and Mr Rauf Denktaş, leader of the self-proclaimed Turkish-Cypriot Republic, had obviously expected the talks to break down, and each sought to pin the blame on the other side.

The UN secretary-general, Mr Javier Perez de Cuellar, told reporters that he still hoped that something could be salvaged and that he was working to achieve a second round of talks.

"I believe that in the search for the solution of the Cyprus problem the gap has never been so narrow and that there is need to persevere," said Mr Perez de Cuellar.

UN sources said privately, however, that at least for the present the draft agreement, which had been hammered out during more than 50 sessions last year between Mr Perez de Cuellar and the two parties, was virtually dead.

The agreement called for the establishment of a "bi-communal" and "bi-zonal" federal republic of Cyprus with a central government loosely administering semi-autonomous Greek and Turkish-Cypriot states.

At the outset of the conference on Friday it was plain that Mr Kyprianou and Mr Denktaş had widely different objectives.

Mr Denktaş said he had accepted the draft agreement and had come to the conference to sign it "after a few dates and minor details are established."

But Mr Kyprianou's spokesman said that nothing had

been agreed; many substantive problems had still to be settled and "all the issues are open for negotiation."

During the first meeting Mr Kyprianou was reported to have astonished the Secretary-General and the Turkish Cypriots by questioning some of the basic principles underlying the draft agreement, including the principle of bizonality.

Yesterday Mr Denktaş charged that Mr Kyprianou was seeking to renegotiate the agreement which had already been resolved. In order to price more concessions from the Turkish Cypriots.

"We're not going to make any more concessions," he said. "If Mr Kyprianou wishes to renegotiate this agreement then I feel free to withdraw every concession I made. And then we can start all over again from the beginning."

Despite the apparent setback, UN officials are talking of a second summit meeting

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Christopher Hume, Economics Editor

The rise in prices over the last year was expected to be 4.6 per cent, but the official retail price index showed yesterday that it had fallen to 4.8 per cent.

Average prices fell by 0.1 per cent over November and December, bringing the annual rate of inflation to 4.8 per cent, the Employment Secretary, said yesterday.

The Treasury forecast a 4.8 per cent rise in retail prices over the year to the fourth quarter, but this was revised down to 4.8 per cent in November.

Once again, many of the recent forecasts for the inflation rate have been wrong.

The Treasury said that the inflation rate will stay at 4.8 per cent in the year to the fourth quarter.

They point to the rise in mortgage rates, a fall in productivity, and increases in company costs.

Prices of food and other necessities have risen, but the increase in the price of food has been offset by a fall in the price of other necessities.

The latest international price index for industrial countries shows a 4.8 per cent rise in the price of food, but a 4.8 per cent fall in the price of other necessities.

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## GLC leader dreams of 'city in revolt' over ratecapping

## Councillors urge Kinnock to back down on advice

By John Carvel, Local Government Correspondent

Labour council leaders threatening to defy the Government over rate-capping will today try to persuade Mr Neil Kinnock to withdraw his advice that they should not break the law.

Mr Kinnock is expected to attend the Labour NEC local government advisory committee. He will be told that the commitment to legality in his new year message was unacceptable to Labour councillors determined to resist cuts in jobs and services enforced by the Rates Act.

Mr John McDonnell, deputy leader of the Greater London Council, told a conference of the London Labour Party at the weekend that Mr Kinnock should be made to give specific backing to its resolution that councils should refuse to fix a rate and that a future Labour Government should respect the right of local government to set its own financial policy.

"If we do not get this undertaking from him he will divide us in the way he has divided the Labour movement over the miners' strike," Mr McDonnell said.

Mr Kinnock, GLC leader, told the conference that Labour councillors and trade unionists should occupy their town halls to ensure that services be continued to the people during the struggle with the Government over rate-capping.

"We will effectively operate within the state in defiance of the state. That will prove the most dramatic challenge, apart from the challenge of the miners, that this Government has faced since 1979."

Mr Livingstone said that it was not good enough for a few councillors to pass resolutions on March 7 refusing to pass a rate under the terms of the Government's rate-capping legislation. Ministers should be faced with "the prospect of a city in revolt."

The Government, the courts and the police were likely to intervene. "If you have not set a rate or precept involves members of councils and trade unions physically taking control of their town halls and physically delivering services to the people they represent. There is a chance to defeat 'the most savage defeat' on the Government."

If the GLC was running short of funds in the financial crisis which would follow refusal to fix a rate it could stop paying tax magistrates' courts and coroners' offices.

"We will not consider them a priority and will seek to ensure that GLC resources are switched to those (rate-capped) boroughs to maintain services as long as possible."

Mr McDonnell recognised that a few Labour councillors on the GLC might not vote to defy the rate-capping law and that there might not be a majority on the council for non-compliance. "There is a need to enforce socialist discipline on GLC councillors to ensure that they carry through this policy."

If that failed there was still a possibility of guerrilla warfare. The Labour left controlled all GLC committee chairs bar one. No reports would be allowed to come before the council for non-compliance. "There is a need to enforce socialist discipline on GLC councillors to ensure that they carry through this policy."

An important tactical switch was the decision from some leftwingers to drop the demand for a rate-capping referendum. "It is a dishonour" from Labour councillors who could not support illegal action such as refusing to levy a rate. Every effort should now be made to ensure that councillors should not deliver services to the people they represent.

Mr Kinnock speaking for the London regional executive, resisted an amendment calling for sanctions against Labour councils co-operating with the Government. "If councillors are co-operating then it is for the constituency associations to deal with them at local level," he said. "Comrades who are breaking policy cannot expect to be selected next time."

Mr McDonnell said the objective should be to open up a second front in support of the miners. If councils refused to pay their debt charges there would be a flurry of bankers in Downing Street demanding that the Government back down.

creasingly highly selective" and would look for "especially good value for money."

The four leading directors are understood to have written to Lord Gower, saying that the £1 million ceiling should be removed because it could restrict the nation's museum treasure which is a bargain.

## Double rule trouble for a divided NUM

Proposals to re-structure the National Union of Mineworkers executive to reduce smaller areas' independent representation, and changes to allow miners to be disciplined for acting against the NUM's interests are exacerbating the likely splits within the union.

Smaller, more rightwing union areas see themselves at greatest risk from both changes, and working miners' leaders believe that they are intended to give Mr Arthur Scargill, the NUM president, a stranglehold.

The changes have been mooted for two years and the NUM leadership insists that they have nothing to do with the dispute or areas' decisions to continue working, but in the present climate neither side trusts the other's motives.

Mr Scargill says the disciplinary changes arose from a request, ironically from Nottinghamshire, two years ago, for mechanisms to complain to the national union over a member's behaviour.

In 1981 a Nottinghamshire miner, Mr Will Richards, took the NUM to the Certification Officer, the Government's statutory officer, overseeing trade unions, complaining that the national and area union had improperly used £75,000 of general funds, in common with other trade unions, to help to set up a consortium to buy a property in London for the Labour Party.

Mr Richards argued that the union had acted in breach of its political fund rules because the expenditure had been in furtherance of political aims, and the Certification Officer upheld the complaint.

The NUM states that the new rules will not be directed against working miners en masse. He points out that this would not only be impractical but also unconstitutional.

In the NUM's view, the current strike was called on an area basis and therefore any miner working in an area that has not voted to strike is entitled to continue working.

However, Mr Scargill has not given any assurance that leaders of the working miners' committees, particularly those who have taken the NUM to court, will be protected from the national disciplinary committee's attentions.

## Smaller areas fear disciplinary changes and an executive shuffle of seats, writes Patrick Wintour

Leaders of the working miners, such as Mr Roy Lydd, Mr David Frendgerg, Mr Colin Clarke, Mr John Layton or Mr Ken Foulstone, might all be disciplined.

Mr Peter Heathfield, the NUM general secretary, wrote to the Nottinghamshire area in December suggesting a meeting to clarify the purpose and background of the national disciplinary committee.

Nottinghamshire declined because the national union was planning to take the area to court to stop it changing its rules to protect itself from the national disciplinary committee's jurisdiction.

At a High Court hearing in December, Mr Justice Scott said that Nottinghamshire's proposed rule changes were prima facie incompatible with continuing membership of the national union.

The next day Nottinghamshire's area council, believing itself committed to protecting its leadership and membership from the national disciplinary committee, approved the rule changes.

Without waiting for a final court ruling on whether the Nottinghamshire rule changes are incompatible with national union membership, the national executive proposed expulsion of the area. Mr Scargill said yesterday that he was still prepared to meet the area union. Few expect a last-minute compromise.

Current rules give an area executive seat for up to 25,000 members, two for up to 55,000 and three for more than 55,000.

Under the new rules an area will have one seat with less than 10,000 members, two for up to 35,000 members and three for more than 35,000 members.

There is particular anger among areas which might lose independent representation because of the 1983 conference which backed a review of the executive structure, the movers of the motion, from South Wales, said they did not want to debar any area from the national executive.

## Mystery deepens during inquiry into baby deaths

Joe Joyce reports on a sensational hearing into police conduct

A woman will go into the witness box for the fourth day in a makeshift court room at Tralee in County Kerry today in a judicial inquiry which has proved to be as sensational as it is controversial.

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## 'Social' jobs for jobless proposed

By David Hencke, Social Services Correspondent

DIRECTORS of social services have put a plan to this Thatcher to create 10,000 jobs in hospitals and social services for the unemployed at a standard wage of £70 a week.

The proposal follows a call by the Association of Directors of Social Services at their annual conference last year to launch an initiative to help the unemployed.

The directors show that already an unemployed couple with two children are costing taxpayers an average of £97 a week by remaining idle.

They suggest that instead of leaving the unemployed with families idle, health authorities and social services departments should be given a government grant to employ people at £70 a week.

People would then still be able to claim family income supplements and housing benefits to bring their income up to average £97. The health authorities could alternatively decide to top up the £70 from their own salary resources.

In a letter to the Prime Minister, Mr John Goss, secretary of the ADSS and social services director for Somerset, says: "there are many vital tasks in our society which are left undone unnecessarily when we have such a large pool of available labour."

The ADSS says that there would be an additional cost to the taxpayer of between about £14.50 and £20 a week



THE LANDSCAPED gardens of a Victorian country house near Bristol have yielded the remains of a 150-year-old colliery after industrial archaeologists persuaded developers to allow them to explore the site, writes Paul Hammond.

The extent of the buildings and tunnels buried up to 20 feet beneath the lawns at The Elms, Nailsea, has astonished members of the local history society, who hired an excavator to complete their dig.

Mrs Margaret Thomas, the society's research secretary, said: "We had been convinced for some years that an ivy-covered tower in the grounds was an old engine-house. When the site was bought for development we got a couple of experts from London to assess the tower. They confirmed it was an engine-house and suggested digging in the shrubbery for a horse gin."

The buildings around the main shaft date from 1792 to 1837 but it is unclear what name the pit worked under. Records refer to it as Old Nailsea or Middle Engine. The colliery ceased production about 1850.

The upper sections of the 200ft-deep pumping and winding shafts have been uncovered, together with two gins which were worked by horses walking around a central shaft attached to the winding drums. Mark Hornby (above left) and Trevor Bowen measure up one of the tunnels.

## Reformer of homosexual law

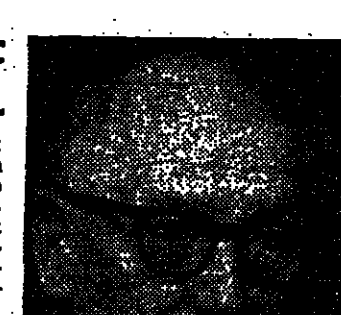
## OBITUARY

LORD WOLFENDEN, best known as the chairman of a committee whose work led to the liberalisation of the laws on homosexuality, has died at the age of 78. He was a philosopher, a schoolmaster, an administrator, and a hockey goalkeeper for England in the 1930s.

He had a reputation as the idealist, a moralist, a rationalist and systematic. Although some who knew him found him bloodless he was also known for a self-deprecating sense of humour: in 1970, when he declined his recreation as "trying to remember."

He reluctantly accepted that people linked his name with the concept of "vice" after his report on homosexual offences and prostitution in 1957. He once joked that his name had "passed into some Middle European languages as meaning a practising male homosexual."

John Wolfenden grew up in Yorkshire, where his father was an official in the county education offices in Wakefield. He won a scholarship in classics to Queen's College, Oxford, and after a year at



Lord Wolfenden

Princeton University in the United States he became a fellow and tutor at Magdalen College, Oxford.

After deciding that he was not going to excel as a philosopher he was appointed headmaster of Uppingham School at the age of 27. After 10 years he became headmaster of Shrewsbury School and then vice-chancellor of Reading University.

He was then chairman of the University Grants Committee between 1963 and 1968, when he moved to his last full-time job as director and principal librarian of the British Museum.

Curators were upset at his lack of museum experience, but he stayed until 1973.

From the forties onward, however, he was also heavily involved in advisory and committee work, the majority of it concerning youth, education, social, and voluntary work. His committee on homosexuality and prostitution reported in 1957, but it was not until 18 years later that a Labour government brought in the Sexual Offences Act, implementing the committee's recommendation of legalising sexual relations in private between two consenting males.

Lord Wolfenden's most recent work, the voluntary organisations reported in 1977, and suggested that there should be a fresh look at the role and scope of the social services and an increase in the number of voluntary organisations.

The former Labour MP Sir Woodrow Wyatt, said of him: "He is reproduced by the hundred every generation. Men with similarly good, but not inventive, brains were the selfless conscientious administrators of the British Empire, the best of the world has seen for fairness, good order, and justice. Most like him staff the upper reaches of the Civil Service and maintain civilised standards in our decline."

## Commons 'next for TV'

By Colin Brown, Political Staff

Tory leaders believe the experiment in broadcasting the House of Lords, which begins on Wednesday, is likely to lead to a similar trial in the House of Commons. MPs will be studying the Lords experiment closely and are expected to be asked to vote on the issue when it is completely at the end of the present parliamentary session.

Some senior members of the Government believe that the majority in favour of televis-

ing the Commons may be increased if MPs see the Lords experiment as a success and if they believe that the Lords are taking the limelight on TV. However, it is understood that although MPs would again be ensured of a free vote, Mrs Thatcher would not be in favour of the cameras being admitted to the Commons if they resulted in Prime Minister's question time, and her clashes with the Labour leader Neil Kinnock being seen as the main event of the week.

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## Curbs on export of pesticides

By Stephen Cook

Fear of defeat in the House of Lords has prompted the Government to make concessions concerning the labelling and export of the Pesticides Act, according to the environmental pressure group, Friends of the Earth.

Newly-tabled government amendments to be considered at the report stage in the Lords tomorrow, the Pesticides and Environment Protection Bill would give ministers the power to order disclosure of manufacturers' data on pesticides and to ban their export. Friends of the Earth says the power to ban exports would gain importance if Britain ratifies a code being drawn up by the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation. This is likely to say that there should be no trade in pesticides unless the importing country has been told all about the substance and consents to it.

The bill, which is being put through partly because of pressure from the EEC for Britain to conduct its pesticide trade in a legal framework, has had increased attention from pressure groups and peers since the chemical disaster at Bhopal in India last year.

Mr Chris Rose, a campaigner for Friends of the Earth, said last night that the amendments could eventually halt the practice of exporting hazardous pesticides without the agreement of importing governments.

The bill's proposals relating to greater freedom of information and control of exports are opposed by the British Agricultural Chemicals Association.

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## Ancient Minster's modern touches

Fire-fighting tools—and a phoenix or two—may embellish York's restoration, writes Martyn Halsall

"I've been an archdeacon for 12 years so a bit of roof doesn't upset me too much," said the new Dean of York, the Very Rev John Southgate, surveying with apparent equanimity the £3 million restoration of northern Europe's largest Gothic cathedral.

It is six months since the roof of York Minster's south transept, causing a rash of theological speculation about divine intervention after the consecration of the controversial Bishop of Durham.

The Dean accepted charge of the Minster just after the fire and on Thursday will meet the cathedral chapter to decide what kind of replacement frame—timber or steel—should support the new ceiling. Years of work lie ahead.

Bob Littlewood, Minster superintendent of works for 14 years, said much has already been achieved: "I felt like shedding a few tears at the fire, but then the feeling was 'Let's get on with it'."

Mr Littlewood's family has lived on the Minster for



Paul Deamer, left, and Vic Thomson working on the Minster's rose window.

Picture by Denis Thorpe

four generations. He began almost 40 years ago, working for his grandfather, a foreman carpenter. One project was restoration of the north transept; its timbers are a mirror image of those destroyed.

He controls a staff of 53 and all the work has so far been done by Minster craftsmen. The damaged transept was cleared and given a temporary roof in three weeks. The rose window, with about 8,000 pieces of glass, was dismantled along with fire-fractured stone from the gable above.

One hundred feet above

the transept two masons were hauling up the 80 replacement pieces of carved stone—each piece numbered when the jigsaw was assembled in the workshop.

"You acquire a head for heights with experience," said Paul Deamer, "after a while you swim about like a monkey."

While work advanced in the south transept, a cleaning operation began to clear the cathedral of dirt from drifting smoke.

Lined hoists will take cleaners 189 feet up inside the central tower. Where the hoist cannot go, steeplejacks

will be lowered from the roof. In the stonework studio, where pneumatic hammers driven out Radio One and a pin-up sits next to a historic poster advertising confessions, eight masons and two carvers were shaping stone-work from blocks of magnesian limestone.

Geoff Butler, a carver at the Minster for 20 years, takes up to a month on each stone. He will soon begin carving bosses from seasoned timber for the transept's ceiling, where the last restoration finished five years ago. Modern motifs such as the

phoenix, or fire-fighting tools, may replace original 15th century foliage. Praise for fire crews' work is universal at the Minster, but the cathedral was not defenceless.

The undercroft took months to dry out from the fire hoses' water but Roman drains under the foundations are thought to have coped with much of the flood.

Donations from all over the world continue to drop on the Dean's doormat. Insurance will cover the main costs but extra contributions will help to fireproof the new roof.

## Motion on plastic bullets sparks controversy

# SDP leaders facing 'rubber stamp' row

By Martin Linton

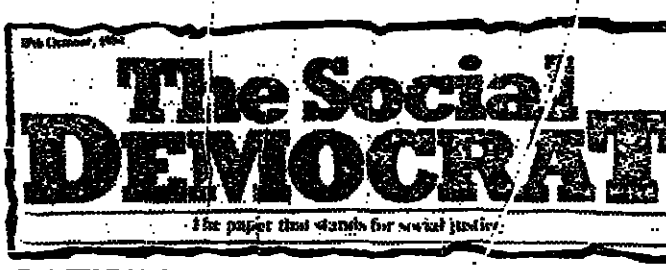
The Social Democratic Party faces a constitutional wrangle at its council meeting in Birmingham next Saturday when the leadership will be accused of reversing a policy which was passed by a clear majority at the last council meeting in the autumn.

The motion called for a ban on the use of plastic bullets in Northern Ireland, pending an inquiry and it was carried against the advice of the platform. Its proposers left the council meeting at Buxton thinking that they had changed SDP policy.

However, a brief item on the back page of the party's newspaper in October informed them otherwise. "The policy committee, for the first time, has exercised its right under the party's constitution to reject a council decision," it said, adding that the party's official policy would be to retain plastic bullets until an inquiry could be held.

The news caused an outcry in the letters column of The Social Democrat from members who had never heard of these constitutional powers and who had always understood that the Council for Social Democracy was the party's supreme policy-making body.

"This shabby and cynical manoeuvre," wrote Mr Dave Bowman of the SDP Friends of Ireland, "shows that, far from being the 'parliament of the SDP', the Council for Social Democracy is regarded by the leadership as merely a



PARTY PAPER: gave the game away

rubber stamp, a talking shop and a media event with no right to decide policy issues."

Many members said they had always felt that the council could boast a far more democratic policy-making machinery than the Conservative, Liberal or Labour parties. "Imagine my horror," wrote Mr Brian Stone of Cricklewood, London, "to learn that my boasts are in fact, wishful thinking and that we are no better than any other party."

The Social Democrat reinforced the leadership position in November. "The fact is," it said, "that under the constitution the policy committee has the right to refer back... any motion with which it disagrees. Until both the policy committee and the Council for Social Democracy are in agreement over an issue of principle... it cannot become party policy."

The party's policy officer, Mrs Wendy Buckley, argues that "the intention of the constitution is that the policy-making function should be shared between the council and the policy committee and this system of 'power shar-

ing" was intended to apply to all motions coming before the council.

But she accepts that the issue will go before the party's constitutional review to be held at Kensington, London, in May. In the meantime, she is relying on a second line of defence on the issue of plastic bullets. The original motion was an emergency motion, she points out, of which there is no mention in the constitution, so it cannot fall under the constitutional description of a "valid motion" for policy-making purposes.

Whatever the immediate outcome in Birmingham next week, the row has left many party members who once belonged to the Labour Party with a sense of disillusion, for they believed that in joining the SDP they had escaped from constitutional wrangles.

"There's a lot of outrage at the way in which council decisions are being ignored. It's very near a resigning matter," says Mr Paul Rose, the former Labour MP for Manchester Blackley and now active in the SDP.

## Labour MP accuses company of contempt

By Malcolm Dean

A Labour MP will today ask a Commons committee to report the British Oxygen Company to the Committee of Privileges for contempt of Parliament.

Mr Dale Campbell-Savours, the MP for Wokingham and a member of the public accounts committee, Parliament's watchdog on government expenditure, believes the BOC committed contempt by quoting part of the transcript of a committee hearing in a letter to the Guardian threatening the paper with legal action or a reference to the Press Council unless it retracted articles it had run on the company.

The MP initially raised his complaint against BOC in the Commons just before the Christmas recess. He complained that the company had breached its commitment to the committee that it would use the transcript only for the purpose of submitting further evidence.

Mr Campbell-Savours said yesterday that he had received a letter from the speaker, who had advised him that as BOC's letter to the Guardian had not led to substantial damage the

Speaker would not refer the matter himself.

Instead, the Speaker had advised him that if he felt the company had acted discourteously he should raise the issue with the committee. The details of evidence sent to the Guardian by BOC were from a public sitting of the committee.

BOC sent Mr Campbell-Savours a letter in which the company claimed that it had not sent me the names of the shorthand writers but have still received no reply. Every word and comma used in the BOC letter is the same as the transcript.

"Mr Campbell-Savours said: 'I did not see BOC shorthand writers taking notes. I have asked the Department of Health to get me the names of the shorthand writers but have still received no reply. Every word and comma used in the BOC letter is the same as the transcript.'

"I believe BOC has broken its undertaking to the PAC. The transcript was marked 'in confidence until publication'. In my opinion this is a contempt. The Speaker does not contradict this interpretation but questions its degree of seriousness. I hope the committee will treat this as seriously as I do and refer it to the committee of privileges."



A FORMER policeman was gaoled for three years at Chester Crown Court on Saturday on two charges of handling ammunition and a rocket launcher, stolen from a Cheshire Royal Ordnance factory.

Anthony Chapman (above), 39, was cleared of a third charge of handling ammunition stolen from the same factory by its quality control officer, Wesley Harris, who will be sentenced today.

Chapman, of Foundry Square, Norton Green, Stoke-on-Trent, said he was buying the ammunition legitimately from the factory, through

## Access to Peak park extended

By Alan Dunn

Two new areas of moorland in the Peak National Park, totalling 3,650 acres, are to be opened to public access under agreements being negotiated between the owners and the park board.

They cover 2,000 acres of the Duke of Devonshire's land at Gibbet and Brampton East moors, near Bakewell, and 1,650 acres at Axe Edge, near Buxton, owned by Lord Derby. Research into effects of public access on areas containing rare plants and animals is to be pursued.

The agreements mean that 82 square miles of the park's moorland will be covered by access agreements.

But the park board is concerned that financial restrictions could hamper further agreements. The latest grant from the Government barely covers inflation and the board has been warned by its officers that recommendations for further agreements would be subject to budgetary provision being available.

## Shelter attacks homes policy in Liverpool

By David Pallister

Liverpool city council's ambitious housing development programme could lead to a repeat of the planning disasters of the 1960s, according to Shelter's magazine, Roof. It describes the Militant-controlled council as "old-fashioned municipal socialism" whose centralised planning is denying the ability of tenants to influence and control their housing.

The magazine is particularly critical of Liverpool's decision not to allow any new housing co-operatives. These have provided 2,000 homes over the past six years. "While councils in the rest of the country are radically decentralising their

housing services, Liverpool is concentrating control in the town hall," it says. "Thousands of tenants may be decently rehoused by 1988, thanks to the regeneration strategy, but those tenants will have little control over the process." Liverpool's housing needs are recognised: 12,000 on the waiting list, 10,000 awaiting transfers and a third of the council housing stock hard to let. The £350 million urban regeneration strategy envisages 15,000 new or improved homes by 1988. The local party argues that in this situation decent housing for everyone is the priority—even if it means dispersing local communities and ignoring people's needs.

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	49	£4,702	£4,973	£8,029
<b>£15</b>	18	£30,105	£58,902	£397,674
	35	£14,858	£20,329	£61,746
	49	£7,203	£7,618	£12,259
<b>£20</b>	18	£40,557	£79,353	£535,747
	35	£20,017	£27,387	£83,185
	49	£9,704	£10,263	£16,569
<b>£25</b>	18	£51,010	£99,806	£673,832
	35	£25,176	£34,446	£104,625
	49	£12,205	£12,908	£20,840
<b>£30</b>	18	£60,114	£119,500	£847,769
	35	£30,335	£41,505	£126,064
	49	£14,706	£15,583	£25,110

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<b>£15</b>	18	£29,901	£202,795
	35	£8,863	£27,244
	49	£2,245	£3,722
<b>£20</b>	18	£40,281	£273,193
	35	£11,940	£36,704
	49	£3,024	£5,014
<b>£25</b>	18	£50,666	£343,625
	35	£15,018	£46,165
	49	£3,804	£5,306
<b>£30</b>	18	£60,000	£424,887
	35	£18,095	£58,625
	49	£4,583	£7,598

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Paul Johnson on widening divisions in Ulster

## SDLP poised to adopt harder nationalist stance

Northern Ireland's Social Democratic and Labour Party appears set to adopt a more radical nationalist stance at its annual conference later this week.

The party, led by Mr John Hume MP, seems to be sharpening its profile for the province's local government elections in May, when it will compete with Sinn Féin for votes among the minority community.

This "greening" of the SDLP includes calls for termination of the Northern Ireland assembly and opposition to any moves by the Irish Republic to drop the territorial claim in its constitution to Northern Ireland.

Disaffection with the situation in the North is reflected in several calls for disbanding the Ulster Defence Regiment. One motion describes it as a sectarian and partisan force with no contribution to make

to the creation of a just and stable society.

There is particular discontent with administration of justice in the North. One motion calls for a campaign to focus world attention on "unjust and immoral aspects of the judicial system."

It refers to Diplock courts, the remand system, alleged shoot to kill tactics, use of plastic bullets, and strip-searching of prison inmates.

There is also unhappiness about developments on extradition between the Irish Republic and the North. In the last year two men, Dominic McGlinchey and Seamus Shannon, have been handed over to the authorities in Ulster after the republic's supreme court decided that the alleged offences for which they were wanted could not be classified as political.

Motions argue that extradition from south to north be

stows legitimacy on a system which is "fundamentally unjust."

In the wake of the Anglo-Irish summit debate last year the SDLP has nailed its colours firmly to the mast of the Forum Report. Despite Mrs Thatcher's dismissal of the document, the party refuses to be lured towards any internal settlement.

Another issue to be confronted at the conference is the party's relationship with Sinn Féin. A motion which party leaders expect to be carried condemns any arrangement with the political wing of the IRA "in order to create nationalist majorities on selected councils."

But the temptation to band together with Sinn Féin on particular issues so as to defeat Unionist opposition may prove too great on the handful of councils where it is anticipated that an SDLP-Sinn Féin alliance could exercise power.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

## Dimbleby to join TV-am

JONATHAN DIMBLEBY is to join TV-am as a presenter and special correspondent, working with David Frost in presenting a Sunday morning show for six months of the year, writes Susan Thibaut.

Michael Hollingsworth, TV-am director of programmes, said Mr Dimbleby would do three weeks in February and be back again later in a dovetailing arrangement with David Frost, taking over presenting while he was away.

Mr Dimbleby will continue to present First Tuesday on Yorkshire Television. "I am delighted to have been asked to join TV-am and I look forward very much to the opportunity that I think it offers," he said.

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## Army deaths man in court today

A 30-YEAR-OLD man is to appear in court in Edinburgh today charged in connection with the deaths of two soldiers and a retired army officer during a payroll robbery near Edinburgh last Thursday. He was arrested early on Saturday morning and is believed to be a serving soldier.

The three men who died were a retired major, David Cunningham, aged 56, a civilian administrator at Glenrose barracks near Edinburgh, Royal Army Pay Corps Staff Sergeant Terence Hosker, aged 39, and Private John Thomson, aged 25, of the King's Own Scottish Borderers.

## Kidnap diplomats legal defence

LAWYERS acting for the Nigerian diplomat accused of trying to kidnap Mr Umaru Dikko are to apply for a writ of habeas corpus before the Old Bailey trial begins next month, on the grounds of his diplomatic immunity.

At a hearing before Lambeth Magistrates last August, Mr Mohammed Yusuf was remanded in custody because the magistrate said there was no evidence that he was accredited to the Nigerian High Commission in London.



EYE IN THE SKY: One of the Met's three helicopters and crew.

Picture by Garry Weaser

## Inquiry starts into police helicopters

Forces likely to expand use, reports Stephen Cook

THE HOME OFFICE has begun an inquiry into police use of helicopters which is likely to lead to its expansion.

The Metropolitan and Devon and Cornwall forces, which pioneered their use, are taking greater notice of their possibilities.

For example, one of the first emergency vehicles at the train crash which killed three people in Wembley, north London last year was one of the three Metropolitan Police helicopters. It hovered overhead and lit up the scene with its 30-million candlepower Nightstun.

In another incident, Essex police requested the use of a Met helicopter and the Nightstun was used to illuminate a boat suspected of carrying drugs. Officers in the helicopter saw the crew, who

were later arrested, throwing packages overboard.

The Met helicopters are essentially, observation platforms and chase vehicles which help ground units. Devon and Cornwall police, with more open country, can land their machine, and it recently ferried an injured driver to hospital.

The Met wants to buy a fourth machine to police the M25 London orbital motorway. The Home Office will investigate the cost and use of all police air support, including helicopters and the

slow, bubble-like "optica" observation aircraft.

Commander Ted Mitchell, head of the Met's communications department, is convinced of the helicopters' "tremendous value" as "one of the most important aspects of police technology."

The 170-mph Bell 222 machines can cross London in 15 minutes, follow suspect cars, search for missing children, assess traffic and public order problems, and use their "Heli-tell" to transmit live close-up pictures to a control centre in a vehicle or

at New Scotland Yard. Met helicopters were used on 5,500 assignments last year and were involved in 871 arrests.

The disadvantages are that they are grounded by bad weather, their noise and lights can annoy or alarm the public, and they are the least safe way to fly. One Met machine crashed last year, and the Government inquiry's results are nervously awaited at Scotland Yard.

Few people who live near London football grounds have kind words for the helicopters, and there have been incidents when a helicopter's rooftop arrival has alarmed people.

Chief Superintendent Eddie Gleeson, head of the Air Support Unit, says the machines only drop below 800 feet when directly involved in an incident.

## Post Office tries to force union's hand

By Patrick Wintour, Labour Staff

THE POST OFFICE is planning to impose unilateral changes in working practices on its workforce unless a forthcoming special conference of the biggest post office union gives its executive greater flexibility to negotiate.

Management has agreed to defer the changes in the hope that the conference of the Union of Communication Workers in five weeks' time will allow its negotiators to disregard present conference policy. However, union left-wingers are already moving to ensure that conference reinforces its present policy of non-cooperation with further new technology unless management

agrees to a major reduction in the working week.

In deadlocked talks held last year the UCU sought a three-hour reduction in the working week and a maximum five-day week for postmen while retaining a six-day service and a guarantee of no compulsory redundancies. The Post Office has said that a simple one-hour reduction would cost £24 million and has denounced the union's stance as "wholly unrealistic."

Under pressure from Government and last September's critical Monopolies and Mergers Commission report, the Post Office is seeking sweeping changes to reduce its costs, of which labour costs make up two thirds. Earlier this month,

the Post Office gave three months' notice that it intends to withdraw from agreements restricting the number of part-time staff and patterns of promotion.

The Post Office also wants union agreement on five major changes in working practices before it will offer any reduction in hours or lump sum payments for co-operation. Mr Ken Young, the Post Office's head of personnel for industrial relations, has told the UCU: "We would still prefer to proceed with the union's co-operation, but the union's present response will force the business to proceed without it."

The five changes are: the

introduction of a mandatory productivity scheme to replace the current voluntary scheme; a form of continuous work assessment; a commitment to further mechanisation of letter sorting; the spread of optical character recognition (a machine which can read handwriting) to 20 offices; and more flexible staffing, including the creation of more part-time grades to deal with the Post Office's inevitably uneven work flows through the day.

At present about 56 per cent of the Post Office's 125,000 male staff are covered by the voluntary productivity scheme. Productivity payments are based on savings made from the reduction of man-hour worked in an office.

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## Nkomo forced to cancel rally

From Andrew Meldrum in Harare

The Opposition leader, Mr Joshua Nkomo, was forced to cancel a political appearance yesterday in the northern town of Chinoyi by a few thousand supporters of the ruling Zimabwe African National Union (Zanu) who took to the streets, armed with clubs and stones, to prevent Mr Nkomo's visit.

It was the second time in nine days that mob actions by the Prime Minister Mr Robert Mugabe's Zanu had prevented Mr Nkomo from campaigning on behalf of his minority Zimabwe African People's Union (Zapu) which is facing the challenge of trying to prevent Zanu from creating a one party state here following national elections, expected to be held in March.

Mr Nkomo said he started driving to Chinoyi from a farming town 75 miles north-west of Harare, early yesterday morning, but turned back after being warned that the town was not safe because of some 2,000 Zanu supporters massed there to have met. The anti-Nkomo demonstrators were armed with rocks, bricks, clubs and sharpened bicycle spokes and were chanting anti-Nkomo slogans.

Mr Nkomo turned back before he reached a crowd of 1,000 Zanu supporters in Banket, 50 miles from Harare on the Chinoyi road, who had formed a "people's roadblock" to prevent Mr Nkomo from travelling any further. Several policemen stood at the edge of the crowd but made no attempt to clear them from the road or to prevent them from stopping cars.

Later a scuffle broke out and five Zanu supporters were injured, although none seriously. Similar anti-Nkomo protests with thousands of people have been reported in the other major towns of Karayi and Kariba.

On January 11 an estimated 10,000 Zanu supporters intimidated Mr Nkomo to cancel a similar campaign visit to the southern town of Masvingo. The angry crowd surrounded Mr Nkomo at the Masvingo police station and threw rocks and bricks at his car when he left.

Following the Masvingo incident, Mr Nkomo said he would campaign in all parts of Zimbabwe despite threats of violence by Zanu members, whose officials from Mr Mugabe down, have accused him of directing the violence by anti-Government rebels.

Both Masvingo and Chinoyi are areas of strength for Zanu and have only a few Zapu supporters. Mr Nkomo said that as a free citizen of Zimbabwe he should be able to visit any part of the country unmolested. Because of the Government's strict emergency powers, Mr Nkomo needs prior police approval for any public meeting, which has not been easily obtainable. Mr Nkomo has tried to get around this campaigning obstacle by simply making appearances in towns to greet his supporters.

Because the threatening crowds in Masvingo and Chinoyi have thwarted Mr Nkomo's plans, Mr Nkomo said yesterday that he is rethinking his campaign strategy.

## Law of jungle rules in war-weary West Beirut

From Julie Flint in Beirut

"MANY PEOPLE do not respect the law," the Druze leader, Mr Walid Jumblatt, said recently. "The Lebanese do not even respect the law of the jungle."

In Muslim West Beirut, now approaching the first anniversary of its takeover by militiamen, the law of the jungle has been so evident in 10 years of civil war. "The Switzer of the Middle East has become the Argentina of the Mediterranean," the daily newspaper, *L'Orient-Le Jour*, lamented recently. Thuggery and trigger-happiness have assumed new dimensions with the collapse of the economy and, of late, an unprecedented wave of bomb attacks.

Foreigners are turning their backs on the western sector of the city, often despite a lingering, almost inarticulate attachment to it. Those Lebanese who remain are retreating into smaller and smaller communities. Into what a sociologist, Mr Samir Khalaf, has described as a "chronic state of mourning" for a way of life they do not expect to see again.

Despite several attempts to put West Beirut under army control, it is still the militia which holds sway, most in evi-

dence whenever trouble breaks out. Kidnappings and killings once again rate a bare paragraph in the newspapers. Theft is facilitated by the darkness into which the capital has been plunged for much of the time since inter-militia fighting south of Beirut damaged Lebanon's main power plant.

Nowhere is safe — private homes, bingo halls, bars, restaurants, hotels. Earlier this month, armed men even entered a hospital and made off with a newborn baby. Police speculated that the thieves formed part of an illegal adoption ring.

The end of Lebanon's "economic miracle" weighs heavily in the new lawlessness. The cliché of the gun tucked into the back of designer jeans no longer holds true. The Israeli invasion and continuing, crippling occupation of South Lebanon, the devastation of Beirut's teeming Southern suburbs in the fighting that preceded the militia takeover, and the final collapse of the economy after a decade of war have contributed to make poverty a fact of life for thousands of Beirutis.

In 1984, the economy had its worst year since the war began, with inflation estimated at a record 35 per cent, a

balance of payments deficit of \$1.5 billion and the Lebanese pound losing 62 per cent of its value against the dollar. The prices of some foodstuffs doubled. People accustomed to getting by went hungry.

Some may be apocryphal, but stories of the "honest thief" abound. One youth is said to have held up a businessman in the street and demanded 1,500 Lebanese pounds. The man emptied out his pockets. "I said 1,500," the story goes, "not 3,000."

In another version, a gunman accosted a housewife in the lift and made her hand over her purse, assuring her that "I'll give it back when times get better."

More depressing, more frightening than all this, however, are the bomb attacks unleashed on the western side of the city, as if to prove that here is, indeed, impossible.

Never a day goes by now without at least three or four explosions; large car bombs that cause death and panic, small bundles of dynamite left anywhere where people gather — banks, amusement arcades, petrol stations, pavements. For every bomb that explodes, there are others that do not.

The attacks are random, but especially deadly. Most of the victims of a recent bomb attack inside a block of flats were wounded after they came out of their homes to investigate the commotion and were caught by a second blast.

More and more foreigners are turning their backs on West Beirut, terminally tired of nervous days and nights cooped up in front of the video. Many diplomats, whose embassies have traditionally

been in West Beirut, now live in the east.

Journalists covering the Middle East are increasingly shifting their headquarters from Lebanon to Jordan. The American community, faced with the added threat of abduction by Shi'ite fundamentalists, is down from 2,000 to fewer than 300.

The Lebanese, too, are getting out. A young woman, who returned to marry, complains that she is the only one of her former circle of friends still in the country.

"Many of my friends have stopped going out even in the day," a young Lebanese economist said. "Branches are the new form of entertainment."

Fewer and fewer people are attempting to lead any form of night life — especially since the Smugglers Inn, one of the few restaurants in West Beirut, that had stayed open at night, was wrecked on January 10. Four people died in that attack, which struck at the heart of the Lebanese bourgeoisie and at those Lebanese intellectuals, artists, and Christians — who have so far refused to give up on West Beirut.

Confronted with this chaos, Lebanon's coalition Cabinet last week held its longest ses-

sion since it was formed nine months ago. Remedial measures announced were much the same as those announced two months ago, when 6,000 soldiers were deployed in the capital, and militiamen "disarmed."

"We must be dreaming," *L'Orient-Le Jour* said in its main news story. "To talk for more than eight hours and then to make the same decisions that were made 50 days ago. Only one government could do this — ours."

The Shi'ite Muslim movement, Amal, and, to a lesser degree, the Druze-led Progressive Socialist Party do make efforts to impose order. PSP militiamen recently shot dead one of their own who had been demanding money with menaces.

But the two parties, West Beirut's strongest, are finding it increasingly difficult to control their own members, let alone malefactors in the other, smaller militias, that are springing back to life as the city slips out of control.

Those who remain in West Beirut remain in fear. "1984 was a nightmare year," a die-hard bookseller said. "I only know that 1985 will be too."

## Noumea calm after the storm

From Helen Fraser in Noumea, New Caledonia

SUNDAY in Noumea was the quietest in weeks; most people were at the beach; and city streets were deserted. Only a few cars, mostly taxis, were seen in shop windows and some cars sporting rough-tricolour paintwork served as reminders that on Saturday President Mitterrand visited the country.

An anti-independence crowd of 20,000, mostly European, had turned out in Noumea's main square to ensure that as President Mitterrand flew by helicopter from the airport, the French High Commission, he would look down on a sea of blue, white, and red. Even poodles were decked out in tricolour vests for the demonstration, the picnic food of which was in sharp contrast to the rain of last weekend.

The aggression which followed the shooting of a European farmer's son, aged 17, was replaced by a feeling of confidence that the referendum on independence proposed in the Pisan plan will go ahead and that the No-vote will win. Of this, the Republican party leader, Mr Jacques Lafleur, assured the crowd.

But Jean-Marie Tjibaou, leader of the Kanak Liberation Front, the FLNKS, and president of the government of Kanaky also appeared confident after his talks with President Mitterrand.

That the French Government wants to decolonise New Caledonia is certain. But the Socialist Party, which in opposition pledged its support for self-determination of the

PRESIDENT Mitterrand, in a brief television address last night, said that he would convene a special session of the National Assembly in the next few days to adopt a law prolonging the state of emergency in New Caledonia. Mitterrand said that he had asked the Prime Minister, Mr Laurent Fabius, to take the necessary measures "to maintain the role and strategic presence of France in this region of the world."

Kanak people, also wants to respect the constitutional rights of all French citizens. As population and voting patterns stand, Mr Lafleur has reason to be confident that the Pisan plan will be rejected in July. If it is approved, independence is scheduled for next January 1.

The Kanaks, of whom over 80 per cent support independence, are now a minority 42 per cent in their own land during the nickel boom of the late 1960s and early 1970s the then French government encouraged a wave of immigration from other French Pacific territories which coincided with the radicalisation of the independence movement.

In 1972, the then French prime minister, Mr Pierre Messmer, and the long-serving Republican mayor of Noumea, Mr Roger Laroque, went on record saying "We must whiten the country."

Mr Edgard Pisani, the special French High Commissioner, was sent to the territory when last November's FLNKS election boycott and consequent disruption had paralysed four-fifths of the economy. On January 7, he unveiled a plan, which while giving sovereignty to the Kanaks, guarantees a continued French presence.

The message to the non-Kanaks is clear: independence is the only way planned by the French Government and is the only guarantee of continued French presence and the only way to restore order and economic well-being. The aim of Mr Tjibaou and the FLNKS in announcing his military strategy was to force France to negotiate on sovereignty for the Kanaks. This objective was partly realised with the release of the Pisan proposals, and was now being carried by the visit of Mr Mitterrand.

But the FLNKS's relations with Mr Pisani came to a halt after the independence activists, Mr Eliot Machoro, was dead last week. The cost of FLNKS strategy has been heavy: 14 militants dead, including Mr Machoro, and 87 arrested.

Mr Tjibaou said last Friday that the FLNKS will win the outcome of a French parliamentary debate on the Pisan plan in February before determining a new strategy. He flew to Australia yesterday for a meeting with the Foreign Minister, Mr Bill Hayden, under which he will spend two weeks in Paris. Mr Tjibaou is expected to continue talks with Mr Mitterrand, and meet opposition leaders.

Mr Tjibaou said that the FLNKS, Kanak, sovereignty movement, is not negotiable. The second largest independence party, the LKS (Kanak Socialist Liberation) which split six months ago, has been expelled from the front over the question of the militant strategy, holds that if electoral reform is not forthcoming they will adopt a more hardline position. Mr Francis Pongou, LKS mayor, Francis Pongou, LKS member of the territorial assembly, warned President Mitterrand yesterday that the vagueness of the French plan only serves to reinforce the hostile to independence.

## Tanks and trucks move south towards international border

## Israelis start pull-out from Lebanon

From Ian Black in Jerusalem

The Israeli army began moving heavy military equipment out of the Sidon area of South Lebanon yesterday as the first stage of its three-phase withdrawal got under way.

Radio reports said that between 60 and 70 heavy trucks and tanks had been seen moving out of Sidon southwards down the coastal road towards the international border.

Israeli forces were likely to complete the first stage of the pull-back before the target date of February 13, military sources said. If this is true, it will bring even greater pressure to bear on the Lebanese Government, which is concerned about possible outbreaks of inter-communal fighting in the area to be evacuated.

Lebanese-Israeli military delegations are to meet again tomorrow at UN headquarters in Naqoura, South Lebanon, for the first time since the Israelis decided on their withdrawal last week.

Israeli sources said yesterday that the resumption of the Naqoura negotiations would not affect the timetable of the Lebanon pull-back. Officials here, however, are clearly hoping that the fait accompli of last week's decision will force the Lebanese Government to reconsider ways to make the

Israeli evacuation an orderly one.

The main item on the agenda at Naqoura seems likely to be the role of the UN Truce-keeping Force in the areas Israel is vacating. The UN undersecretary general, Mr Brian Urquhart, said that he hoped tomorrow's talks "will give us a clear idea where we're going."

Mr Urquhart, who yesterday completed a week-long shuttle between Beirut, Damascus, and Jerusalem, said here: "I think there are some positive elements in the situation, but the problem is how to translate them into practical terms."

Israel's ambassador to the UN, Mr Binjamin Netanyahu, said earlier this week that Israel would rely on the deterrent capacity of its own army after the pull-back from Lebanon, but added that an expanded UN Truce Force would be a useful "symbolic barrier" to Syrian forces.

Reports from Sidon yesterday said that the start of the Israeli withdrawal was being accompanied by stringent security measures, including static and mobile patrols and the closure of roads to civilian traffic.

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Israeli soldiers wait yesterday at a helicopter pad on the Awali line to return home on leave. In the foreground is heavy equipment which has been assembled for shipment as part of Israel's pull-back.

## Sudanese 'heretics' recant

By Nick Cater

Four members of Sudan's Liberal Republican Brothers movement, who were to be executed yesterday, have been reprieved after they recanted their beliefs.

The four men were forced to watch their leader, Mahmoud al-Mahmoud, aged 76, hanged on Friday at Khartoum's Kober Prison.

All five were convicted under treason laws last week for publishing a leaflet urging al-Mahmoud's repeal and replacement with a more "liberal, spiritual system."

After criticism of the Republican Brothers' "heresy" by the courts, which the men refused to recognise, President Numeiri ordered Tahar's hanging and gave the others three days to recant.

Britain appealed for clemency on humanitarian grounds and the US State Department said the execution was a "clear violation of human rights." Amnesty International attacked the sentences and summary justice, and said the "recant or die" threats had increased concern for the fate of hundreds of political prisoners in Sudan.

The Republican Brotherhood was set up by Tahar in the 1940s, when it opposed British rule, and it has consistently been one of the most liberal Islamic groups in attempting to reconcile religion with modern society.

Reuter adds: Sudanese rebels are moving south towards Juba, the key capital of Equatoria province in what officials see as a disturbing new twist in a two-year-old bush war.

## Zia bans opposition alliance meetings

Islamabad: The military Government has banned further meetings of the main opposition alliance after the alliance decided at the weekend to boycott general elections next month which political parties are barred from contesting.

The Government issued the ban after the 11-party Movement for the Restoration of Democracy (MRD) reaffirmed an earlier decision not to take part in the elections.

It said that polling must be held under the 1973 Constitution and the rules in force before the military Government took power in July 1977.

The Government released two opposition politicians and removed travel bans on several others to enable them to attend a two-day meeting of the MRD central committee in the town of Abbottabad. A decision to meet again tomorrow in Lahore was taken.

But a government statement said that this was "only a one-time permission and no further meeting of this nature is being allowed."

MRD convenor, Mr Malik Mohammad Qasim, said

that it would go ahead with tomorrow's meeting despite the ban, which he said showed the Government was "jittery and unimpressed."

The military ruler, President Zia ul-Haq, had done the MRD no favour by letting its leaders meet. "If he had not done that, he would have exposed himself (as he is) exposed now by the new order," he added. "This reflects his intentions and the type of elections they are going to hold."

General Zia said on January 12 that political parties he banned (as he is) exposed now by the new order," he added. "This reflects his intentions and the type of elections they are going to hold."

But last week he lifted electoral bans for many officials and activists of opposition parties, clearing the way for them to stand as independent candidates.

Yesterday was the last day for election officials to receive nomination papers from candidates for the National Assembly. Tomorrow is the deadline for filing nominations for the provincial assemblies.

MRD convenor, Mr Malik Mohammad Qasim, said

## New tactics for rebels

Bangkok: The re-location of 62,000 Kampuchean civilians deeper into Thailand, away from border fighting, could mark a turning point for anti-Vietnamese guerrillas, Thai military officers said.

International relief workers yesterday helped to move thousands of Kampuchean from Red Hill evacuation site to Khao-I-Dang, 180 miles north-east of Bangkok.

The refugees come from the Khmer People's Liberation Front (KPNLF) base of Nong Samet, attacked by Vietnamese troops on December 25. Most of Nong Samet is now in Vietnamese hands.

The move to Khao-I-Dang is the first attempt by the KPNLF to separate guerrillas from civilians. The Vietnamese army made KPNLF military camps its prime target during its latest drive of offensive and more than 130,000 civilians were uprooted from seven of eight guerrilla bases including the KPNLF's headquarters at Ampil.

After Ampil fell on January 8, the leader of the KPNLF, Mr Son Samn, said that of movement had no chance of holding fixed bases.

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## Holland deports 45 Sri Lankan Tamils

From Iain Guest in Geneva

The Dutch Government has secretly deported 45 young Tamils to Sri Lanka, in violation of an understanding with the office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

The action is the first of its kind to be taken by a Western government since an estimated 30,000 Tamils arrived in Western Europe after the outbreak of sectarian violence in Sri Lanka in July, 1983.

The 45 Tamils arrived at Amsterdam's Schiphol airport on January 11 on an Air Lanka flight with one-way tickets for East Berlin. They were arrested in the transit lounge just before they boarded a fight for Berlin, and put on the Air Lanka flight back to Colombo.

The whole operation was conducted in secret, and the local representative of the UNHCR in Holland, Mr Rob Van Leeuwen, only learned of it several days later, by chance. Mr Van Leeuwen said at the weekend that he was "astounded and concerned" by the incident, and that he had protested to the Dutch Government. There are an esti-

mated 900 Tamils in Holland. It is assumed that the 45 Tamils were all seeking asylum, since East Berlin is a favourite point of entry into Europe for would-be Tamil refugees. Once there, they take advantage of the lack of controls between East and West Berlin and so enter West Germany.

In 1983, between 6,000 and 7,000 Tamils asked for asylum in West Germany, and the West German authorities have been anxious to close the Berlin loophole. There is some speculation here that the Dutch were acting on a request from West Germany.

Last January, the UNHCR headquarters in Geneva asked European governments not to repatriate any Tamils.

Diplomats here are concerned that the Dutch action may encourage other Western governments to disregard the UNHCR appeal. Switzerland has already decided that 1,700 Tamils seeking asylum there should in principle be repatriated. This decision was suspended last December after the wave of killings by Tamil separatists and government reprisals.

## Returning exile calls for unity

HONG KONG: Brushing

aside fears of being assassinated, the former Philippine senator, Jovito Salonga, renewed his call yesterday for unity among Filipino opposition groups on the eve of his return home after four years of self-imposed exile in the United States.

Speaking here, Mr Salonga made it clear that he was returning to the Philippines to try to unify the opposition in its struggle to replace President Marcos, who has held power since 1965.

The 64-year-old Liberal Party leader, said that "only a strong and committed opposition can translate into reality the aspirations of the Philippine people."

Mr Salonga is the first senior opposition leader to return to the Philippines since another Marcos opponent, Benigno Aquino, was assassinated on August 21, flew to Manila airport on the day of his return from the United States. A Philippine board of inquiry later accused the military of conspiring to kill Aquino.

Mr Salonga dismissed fears of his being killed, saying that "we are committed to the cause of freedom and that cannot be paralysed by fear."

Fifteen Filipino opposition leaders have arrived here in the past few days to escort Mr Salonga to Manila. They include Aquino, brother of Benigno, and two former senators. Mrs Imelda Marcos has claimed that the military has uncovered a plot to assassinate her by the Communist New People's Army, the newspaper, *Bulletin* today, reported. She reportedly cancelled a trip to the central city of Cebu at the weekend because of the plot. Mrs Marcos is 56.—AP/Reuter.

## Golfer's insurance is par for the course in Japan

WHEN Tashiro Yoshitaka goes golfing, he goes well equipped: clubs, balls, tees, golf bags, spiked shoes, and insurance in case he shoots another hole-in-one.

That's because a hole-in-one in Japan can cost the golfer the equivalent of \$1,500-\$2,000 in gifts, celebratory food, drinks and "thank-you" money.

"When my partners shouted that I had shot a hole-in-one I began to worry whether my hole-in-one policy was still

good," Yoshitaka, a Tokyo golfer, said.

Luckily for him it was. What with drinks for his partners after the game, a celebratory feast of Chinese food for friends later in the week, gifts of sports towels monogrammed with the club name and the hole number for his acquaintances, a memorial tree-planting at the hole and tip for his caddy, Yoshitaka's insurance company would be

on his achievement. "About 50,000 people use our club and almost all of them carry hole-in-one cover-

age because the \$12 premium is well worth it," said Yuji Shimizu, an official of the Nippon International Country Club located outside Tokyo.

Hole-in-one insurance is only one of many costs that accompany golfing in Japan.

About 25 per cent of Japanese men, and a growing number of women, play an average of once a month and spend an average of \$550 a year on the game, says a 1983 survey by the semi-official Leisure Development Centre.

A weekend visitor to one of

Japan's 400-plus clubs pays about \$80 for a day's play, while a member pays \$25. But most clubs demand deposits of up to \$400,000 to become a member.

"You could buy a house instead," said a businessman, Mr Pasquale Kobayashi, a self-proclaimed golf fanatic who estimates that his passion costs him about \$120 each week.

Some players try to offset expenses by casual betting. "Because gambling is illegal, we can't actually refer to money," said one regular. "So

we call it 'grabbing chocolate,' when one chocolate worth 40 cents, and hold up fingers to show how many chocolates are bet on the score."

Such friendly betting rarely exceeds \$3. But gangsters, Mr Kobayashi says, have recently found golf courses a good place to make illicit gains.

A player can be lured into games where \$40,000-\$50,000 is at stake. Although they may deliberately lose the first game, gamblers never lose over all.—Reuter.

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## A degree of shortsightedness in Oxford's proposal

Steven Lukes  
and Richard  
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OXFORD University will confer an honorary doctorate on Mrs. Thatcher unless its parliament, Congregation, decides otherwise on January 29. It should decide otherwise: indeed, the University's Council should never have made the proposal.

True, it has been the custom for Oxford-educated Prime Ministers to be given honorary degrees. But universities, of all places, should remain critical and ready to change if reason demands. It is not to argue that this custom should have been abolished in favour of a principle that active politicians are not

considered for such honours. There are two kinds of reasons for conferring honorary degrees: respectable and unrespectable. The respectable reason stems from the university's essential purposes — to teach and educate, to advance science and learning, to preserve and enrich our cultural heritage. Honorary degrees are an appropriate means to give public recognition to those citizens of the world who have made notable advanced those purposes. Within this area the university may claim a certain competence, even authority in judging what constitutes significant achievement. Its judgments would normally be expected to secure widespread endorsement, at least among academics.

That is no reason for not being adventurous in honouring persons who have in turn honoured academic and

cultural life; but even adventurous choices will never give widespread offence. It follows that the recipients of such honours will typically be notable teachers, scholars, scientists, and administrators, writers, artists, composers and performers. What about politicians? The first problem here is that academics have no special competence or authority to judge the significance of politicians' achievements. They are not immune from making judgments that are politically shortsighted and foolish or worse — as is clear from Oxford's decision to honour Mr Bhutto, overturned by Congregation in 1973, and Cambridge's decision shortly thereafter to honour General Gowon.

They are moreover, likely to be at least as divided as the rest of the population in the judgments they reach. Hence the second problem with

such awards: that they are divisive and create tension in the university community. This is especially true of honours politicians in mid-career. One may venture the thought that there is no widespread consensus, even among academics, that Mrs Thatcher has made an incontestably significant contribution to the promotion of teaching, research and culture.

On the other hand, if, at the end of a distinguished career, it becomes clear, and is widely agreed, that a politician did so contribute, then let the honour be conferred. Similarly, benefactors may be honoured for their more material contributions to the pursuit of academic ideals.

The respectable case for conferring academic honours is thus retrospective: an exalted prize-giving. The non-respectable case is prospective: it looks to future

benefit. Sometimes, as with benefactors, this may reinforce the respectable reason: the hope is to encourage either further benefactions from the same source or other potential benefactors. Such a hope is perhaps not respectable, but a case may be made to justify it if a gesture which will offend no one can help secure more laboratories, libraries, and scholarships.

The unrespectable and wholly unjustifiable case for conferring academic honours is, unsurprisingly, the least acknowledged: namely, sycophancy. Here the point is, quite simply, to curry favour with the powerful — on the part of either institutions or individuals. Though all too human, the whole business is corrupting, both to the receiver and the giver.

Powerful politicians do not stand in need of more honours. Such things are not

likely to curb the self-importance or the arrogance of power. Academics do not benefit either. The bestowing of such favours does not seem likely to encourage this independence of mind or promote an inquiring, critical spirit.

If sycophancy plays a part in Oxford's practice of honouring its politicians, it seems neither honourable nor sensible. When all universities and areas of scientific and scholarly research are suffering, it is neither honourable nor sensible for one university to try by such means to gain a larger share of diminishing resources: the case for one is the case for all. The hard choices of allocation forced upon us can only be made by expert evaluation according to public criteria.

If, on the other hand, the bestowal of an honorary degree is but a formality, can

it make sense in the political climate of our times to alienate so many colleagues, students, old members and potential future members for a mere gesture? Other arguments will no doubt weigh in the minds of voters on January 29. They will be bound to reflect on the particular claims of this Prime Minister to being honoured at this particular time by one of our major universities. There is a grave risk that the issue will degenerate into party politics. What we have sought to argue here is that, as an active politician, she should never have been considered. As Council cannot but have foreseen, the nomination will divide the university. No good can come of it.

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## What price true justice for all?



### OUT OF COURT

Geoffrey Bindman

IN A recent speech to the annual conference of the Law Society, the Master of the Rolls, Sir John Donaldson, made the latest of those periodic calls for reform which have so rarely resulted in any significant improvement in our antiquated legal system. Ironically, his speech coincided with the fifth anniversary of the report of the Royal Commission on Legal Services, an almost totally fruitless study which cost the country more than £1 million between 1976 and 1979.

As Sir John pointed out, nearly 40 committees have examined various aspects of civil procedure since the present High Court structure was established following the Land Commission's report of 1889 to 1874. The Royal Commission in 1979 still found it necessary to recommend "a full appraisal of the procedures and of the operation in practice of our system of justice, particularly in all civil cases." Five years on no appraisal has got off the ground.

The usual weight of inertia and vested interests have relied on to defeat Sir John Donaldson's main proposal because it is so much in line with Government thinking. Just as Sir Keith Joseph has argued that the present system of higher education should be met by the students (or their parents), Sir John suggests that the economic cost of obtaining justice in the courts should be borne by the litigant.

Of course those who bring or defend legal proceedings already have to pay for legal representation unless they qualify for legal aid. Those who bring proceedings also have to pay court fees when issuing a writ or originating summons, and when setting down an action for trial. The current fee for a writ is £35 and other fees are small.

Court fees go towards the cost of administering the courts but contribute only a fraction of the true cost (which has been estimated at £200 a day for the trial of a High Court action). This figure, largely met out of the public purse, includes the cost of maintaining court buildings, the salaries of the judges, and the army of master, registrars, clerks and other officials.

By transferring this cost to individual and institutional litigants, Sir John hopes to save the taxpayer money and at the same time make more

money available for legal aid. Why, he plausibly asks, should the public purse subsidise two major oil companies to the tune of 50,000 when they pay their rights of £3 million for 60 days?

He does not go so far as to suggest that those who qualify for legal aid should have to pay these vastly increased court costs. The present legal aid scheme covers court fees as well as the cost of legal representation and could be expanded to include administration costs. Thus, those who qualify for legal aid would be no worse off but eligibility would still be determined by the present system of means testing and the collection and distribution of large sums payable for use of the courts would enormously complicate its administration.

Sir John sees his scheme as providing a solution to the plight of people who are at present disqualified from legal aid — because their earnings are above the current limit of about £12,000 per annum — but who nevertheless find it impossible to pay the cost of enforcing their legal rights. He believes that the eligibility limit should be removed, making legal aid available to everybody. All would be some ultimate measure of the generosity of the British people.

The generosity of our reaction to those unbearable scenes of starvation has become, not simply a prelude to a wise and profound debate about our relationship with the poor of the earth, but an immense exercise in self-admiration.

There are scant grounds for such complacency. After all, the news of the famine scarcely came as a surprise. The aid agencies and public relations such as New Internationalist had been seeking publicity in vain for many months. But the issue could not pass into public consciousness until it had been authenticated by TV images in this case by an extraordinarily powerful BBC report.

The immediate response of perhaps the majority was that there must be something wrong with a world in which we could be preparing for our customary exuberant Christmas intemperance, while so many lives were being extinguished in that awesome and silent self-reckoning that is death by starvation.

But that disturbing conclusion was not the one it was intended to be. It was intended to be a shoulder to our own generosity rapidly became the main subject of the news. We were overwhelmed by stories about all the things that were being done to help Ethiopia by the most diverse groups of people — schoolchildren, pensioners, farmers, pop stars — most of them, it is true, of inspiring and devoted altruism. But that became the point; it was the first great moral lesson



Generosity of action that leads to self-congratulation; the Oxfam offices receive donations.

## Kind words that butter parsimony

JEREMY SEABROOK

was drawn — the contrast between a humanitarian West and the unfeeling Soviets, whose client state Ethiopia had become.

It was as though that first bewildered reaction was too dangerous and therefore required to be unaided. Somehow the generosity was confiscated, frozen, and relentlessly beamed back at us, in order to show us how good we were. It had the important effect of suppressing any debate about why these things happen. One is reminded of the celebrated observation of the Archbishop of Recife, who said, "When I give food to the poor, they call me a saint. When I ask why the poor have no food, they call me a Communist."

More radical questions were readily eclipsed by all those hectic scenes of pop stars being assembled from all over the world at a moment's notice, the images of Western aid ministers, churchmen and donors walking in the feeding camps like African Jesuses in Victorian holy pictures. It soon became clear that the open-hearted initial response was not also going to become open-minded.

In this way, we were delivered from any uncertainty as to the adequacy of our charity in relation to the scale of

the problem; even though the sum of money was probably no greater than that which has changed hands during the Harrods winter sale. Although there were doubtless thousands of individuals who deprived themselves for the sake of a significant donation, the overall impact produced no disturbing inflexion in the soaring figures of consumer expenditure.

There was no sense of the kind of sacrifices that might become necessary, should the will to do something about world hunger in general, and the calamity that is engulfing the sub-Saharan region of Africa in particular, harden into a purpose more resolute than an impulsive gesture of charity. In this way, the best instincts of people were somehow appropriated, and manipulated in such a manner as to quell any incipient recognition that there might be a dynamic relationship between the correct posture to adopt in the face of famine: in the words of Cecil Woodham-Smith, "adherence to laissez-faire was carried to such a length that in the midst of one of the major famines of history, the government was perpetually nervous of being too good to Ireland and of corrupting the Irish people by kindness, and so stifling the virtues of self-reliance and industry."

Of course their ideological heirs have no direct responsibility for Ethiopia, and in any case, they cannot speak in quite the same direct and robust terms. But their faith in market forces, their disbelief in the task entrusted to them (i.e. government), their much repeated distrust of impetuous good Samaritans, handouts and free lunches (a particularly unfortunate phrase in the presence of mass starvation), betray a clear line of descent, even if their true feelings can be glimpsed only in fitful little acts of meanness, such as the refusal to waive VAT on the Band Aid record. Do They Know It's Christmas?

Their lack of generosity — of purse as of spirit — is more muted, and they are compelled to wear a humanitarian heart on their sleeve, however irksome an ornament, for the sake of differentiating themselves from the heartless Communists, a necessity which, of course, did not trouble their ideological forebears who administered the ruin and disgrace of Ireland in the 1840s.

But they appear to have achieved their effect. The cloud of unknowing has receded with the post-festive frosts of the new year, marvellously shrouding the relationship between Western privilege and Third World want.

Not the least part of this Ethiopian tragedy is that we have learnt so little from it. Instead, dazzled by the halo of piety that was placed around our initial response, we have returned without protest to the more characteristic collusion of estrangement between our lives and the lives of the poorest. And yet, in spite of this, many people remain with a troubled and curious sense of estrangement from their own generous impulses, which have so swiftly been rendered politically harmless and have been mysteriously smothered in an orgy of public self-congratulation.

correct Her Majesty's reasoning, if not her sentiments. There are no such things as rich and poor countries, it is declared severely; there are rich and poor people in all countries.

The Christmas of this year's Christmas message, in the shadow of Ethiopia, was glaringly and cruelly eloquent. Indeed, it has been difficult to avoid the impression that the feelings which the Sovereign so clearly shared with a majority of her people had simply been struck from the agenda.

This should not surprise us. The record of this Government on aid has been less than soul-stirring. Nor should this come as a shock, when we consider those ideological antecedents they are always invoking to grace their "radical" solutions to the problems of Britain and the world. Those Titans of political economy whose tutelage they acknowledge knew all about the poor, and knew the correct posture to adopt in the face of famine: in the words of Cecil Woodham-Smith, "adherence to laissez-faire was carried to such a length that in the midst of one of the major famines of history, the government was perpetually nervous of being too good to Ireland and of corrupting the Irish people by kindness, and so stifling the virtues of self-reliance and industry."

Yes, that's all very well, but what about good taste? Private Eye, Spitting Image and the Life of Brian, for example, slap precariously and unapologetically across the wind. Some families won't countenance them and would agree with George Eliot who says somewhere that "a difference of taste in jokes is great strain on the relations." Perhaps it is because the taste is poor that we can be jolted out of our prejudices into seeing the subjects being satirised in a new light.

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Perhaps we would all benefit from another look at Sam Keen's little book *The Dancing God* (1970). Especially if the winter promises to be a long, hard, strike-riden slog. Keen is one who sees worship as both a rather ridiculous and also immeasurably profound activity of the human spirit — from David's dancing before the Ark (to the disgust of his wife) to the Christ-Crown of Godspell. "As always," he says, "the sacred shatters all the categories we necessarily use to understand the sacred. So the dance continues."

The Reverend Graham Dowell is the vicar of Hopstead Parish Church, London.

## Praise the Lords and pass down the political message

Teddy Taylor

WHEN history is made on Wednesday with the first live television coverage of debates in the House of Lords, the deliberations of this unique assembly will be transmitted all over the world. In showing foreign tourists round the Houses of Parliament I have always found them to be infinitely more fascinated with the House of Lords than with the rather drab and pedestrian House of Commons. Indeed I often think that British people fail to appreciate the attraction of its Second Chamber, to the outside world.

Certainly there is nothing quite like it elsewhere. Perhaps the nearest approach was the stillborn Council of Chiefs which was an ingredient of one of Harold Wilson's solutions to the Rhodesian crisis.

Now that the Lords are to be televised, it seems to me that Britain would be missing a golden opportunity if it did not seek to offer a House of Lords franchise at an appropriate time, to foreign nations. And we should launch the franchise to coincide with the television of the Upper Chamber.

An all-party franchise corporation should be established to produce suitable promotional materials in every language pointing out the huge benefits and cash savings which nations could secure if they were to create Houses of Lords in place of

the costly and divisive assemblies which many of them have. And we should pull no punches in setting out these benefits. First and most obvious, a House of Lords provides a popular vehicle for giving recognition, at no cost, to political, social and cultural leaders for whom no constructive and meaningful task can be found to use up their energies in their remaining life span.

What on earth, for example, can the Americans do for poor Mr Walter Mondale? Clearly the people of the USA didn't want him to occupy the White House, but I know that many of them feel rather sorry for him and will be wondering what he will do with his life from now on. Would it not be nice if he could be made the Duke

of New Jersey or Baron Mondale of Bronx, and provided with a role in an American House of Lords where he could pontificate on the boarder and deeper problems of humanity and the Third World. There could even be a place for Lord Richard Nixon and Earl Carter of Georgia.

The Soviet Union could also benefit. Why is old Mr Gromyko still there as Soviet Foreign Minister after 40 years? Simply because there is nowhere for him to go. He would, I believe, resign tomorrow if he could become Viscount Gromyko of Omsk.

The second major advantage to foreign democracies would be to provide a constitution more conducive to effective government. Many of the more fragile democra-

cies like El Salvador, Thailand and France find that huge problems arise when different parties are in power in their two assemblies, but they would hesitate to leave one assembly with unfettered powers. A House of Lords on the British model would not interfere with the general range of political programmes, but would step in if issues of freedom or liberty were involved.

For example, if the people of El Salvador voted in a Government which decided to nationalise shipbuilding and shiprepairing, they could at least be comforted by the knowledge that shiprepairing would be saved by their Savadorian peers if the government sought to achieve its objective by hybrid legislation. Likewise, if

the Thai government sought to abolish the Greater Bangkok Council, they would find it a Dickens of a job to push a paving bill through their House of Thailand.

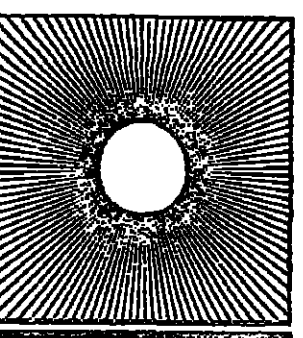
But most countries these days are more interested in cash than constitutions. In this setting the merits of the House of Lords are overwhelming. How much easier the Third World would find it to pay off their international debts if, instead of squandering money, bribes and public contracts on the membership of a cash-gobbling elected second chamber, they could have a chamber of men who receive no salaries and are content with an expense allowance of about 60 dollars a day.

Naturally if my franchise

project is to secure the support of the Foreign Office, it would need a European dimension. Happily, it is there on plate. It's no secret that Mrs Thatcher is fed up to the teeth with the costly and pointless Euro Assembly in Strasbourg whose only desire is to investigate the problems of Northern Ireland and the conduct of the police in the miners' strike.

I doubt if a body of hereditary Euro Barons would behave in such an irresponsible way. And a franchised Euro House of Lords might give our premier an opportunity of finding a role for Ted Heath several hundred miles away from Westminster. Why has nobody thought of all this before?

Teddy Taylor is Conservative MP for Southend E.



### FACE TO FAITH

Graham Dowell

TO MIX religion with politics is considered dangerous — unless, of course, you are Terry Waite: to mix religion with humour may be positively disastrous, especially if the humour has sexual overtones. The recent misfortunes of Clifford Cohen, the liberal rabbi from Southgate, may have arisen more out of personal and pastoral conflicts than any flash warning lights for anyone who dares to approach "solemn things of mystic meaning" in a spirit of levity.

One of our best contemporary religious broadcasters is another rabbi, the urbane and often profound Lionel Blue. Some time ago he dedicated the best description of Judaism for non-Jews I know ("Heaven's Gate with Serah and Pharaohs") to the Lord of Hosts in Suburbia. And in his autobiography he has given us a hilarious account of the very first funeral he took when he actually fell into the grave. No wonder he has recently warned us that Jews take humour in religion very seriously.

Rabbis in my experience are the least pompous and pedantic of men (and women). I think most of them would agree with Dr Johnson's intense dislike of pedantry, which is one good reason for including him in our Anglican Calendar as a saintly layman. "It ought at least to be the care of learning," he wrote, "when she quits her exaltation, to descend with dignity. Nothing is more despicable than the airs and localities of a man bred to severe science and solitary meditation. To trifle agreeably is a secret which schools cannot impart; that gay negligence and vivacious levity, which claims resistance wherever they appear, are never attainable by him who, having spent his first years among the dust of libraries, enters late into the gay world with an unpliant attention."

"Vivacious levity" seems to have got Dr Cohen into trouble; but at least he seems to possess the invaluable gift — also too human if it was not also divine — of not taking himself too seriously. Because they are past masters at gentle self-mockery, rabbis are not so vulnerable to charges of pedantry, pomposity and pretentiousness, which more incontinent religious (and political) dignitaries are lamentably prone to. G. K. Chesterton used to say that only believers can really find religion funny; those who haven't got the faith cannot share the fun. He extolled the ass who also had his hour. His Father Brown certainly didn't take himself too seriously and so had time and inclination to focus on the seriousness in others. His hero, St Francis of Assisi, told us to be God's troubadours, "jongleurs" or clowns. He stood on his head at a papal audience... yet there never been more fervent follower of the Lord of the Dance.

When we think how impossible family life would be without the laughter which has saved many marriages from disaster, how quickly Parliament would dissolve in confusion if the heat of its arguments did not dissolve into mirth, how absurd we are with our dogmatic pronouncements and Savonarolan denunciations — then perhaps we can appreciate the priceless gift of laughter.

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## MARIANNE

MARIANNE is a typical case history. Drink helped her to feel equal with men, to overcome a sense of inadequacy, and then to control the anger and unhappiness she felt after her marriage. Once drink controlled her she was aware of being judged as an aberrant. The memory can still evoke acute loathing: "I have been drunk in charge of a team."

She began drinking at the time she started going out with boys: "It calmed my nerves, helped me feel amusing, and I prided myself on being able to match them drink for drink. If we had a really long night I would go to the loo and make myself vomit in order to be able to go on drinking. I had a job as a copywriter and everyone knew I was good fun for a party — but I didn't actually have any real friends. Drink was good because once I had had a couple, friends seemed a lot less important than being a good fun girl."

"I started to fall behind with work but I handled that by doing some in the evenings — accompanied by a bottle of Entre Deux Mers. I didn't feel worried by what I was doing."

"I then got married. I fell hard for the man and was happy about the idea of being a wife. At first I curbed my drinking — there were lots of honeymoon weekends away, but I did find it hard going two days with no alcohol. Then as we settled into life I began to drink more again, and more openly. My husband didn't like it; he disapproved and at first tried to stop me, but then we began rowing. Not only about my drinking. There were lots of things behind it, and one of them was the fact that he was a weaker character than me and I was the successful one at work."

"That didn't suit him because he wanted to dominate me. And he found that if I had a few drinks, he could be in control, he could persuade me to agree with him and do as he said. So he would offer me a gin and tonic when we were having a row, saying sarcastically, 'this will do you good,' and knowing I couldn't resist."

"I then got pregnant and I did succeed in cutting down my drinking for a while, but once the babe was born I stepped it up again. I started working for myself at home, and that was really fatal, because it was too easy to drink all day long. I loved the baby, but I felt lonely and isolated and my husband had begun to have an affair, so I wanted some way to blot out the pain."

"I was drinking a lot by this time and I felt guilty — very guilty. I knew this wasn't the way mothers were supposed to behave. I wasn't controlled in my drinking. I was openly drunk and my husband became very angry."

"I decided I must stop. I booked a holiday in Greece and went off with my baby, planning to dry out. Instead I sent the baby and nanny to the beach every day and drank in the villa. That was when I reached rock bottom. I hated myself."

It was then that she sought help, going to Alcoholics Anonymous, and she is grateful for the help she got in the mixed groups. But much of the support, the chance to talk really openly about her feelings, came with a group of women at the end of the meetings. "If I had known there was somewhere with just women I might have been willing to go sooner — before I reached a pitch of such profound self loathing."



A session at the Women's Alcohol Centre — picture by Martin Argles

## JANICE

JANICE is in her early twenties and has been drinking since her teens, graduating from social drinking to a situation where she used to get a couple down before leaving home for work, go for pub lunches, and head straight for a bar after work. By 21 she was getting the morning shakes and blackouts. She made two attempts in hospital to kick the liquor.

When she got married she gave up work. But finding marriage not the close relationship she had hoped, she began to drink more and more. "We started having rows and he became violent. He just wanted a nice quiet wife and I wasn't able to be that."

"When the marriage broke up, I holed up in a flat with as much drink as I could afford to buy and drank myself stupid. Luckily I was found by a friend, and from the detoxification place where I went for immediate help I was offered a place at the Women's Alcohol Centre."

"I am surprised at liking it. I didn't much go for the idea of just women, but it has taught me a lot about trusting people and making friends. I realise that I can talk to other women, confide in them, and I feel very good when I can offer them support. And so far it has not been a problem staying off the drink. I feel good about myself and I don't want to make it all go wrong again."

# The trouble with women alcoholics is men

The generalisation is sufficiently true, reports Angela Neustatter, for women to need single sex groups to help them kick the habit

VODKA, Martini, wine, have long been pushed as the sexy, glamorous gargle for the girls. Beer has got in on the act with last summer's apparently successful campaign by Heineken to sell more lager to women. Huge amounts are being spent to present a convivial picture of the modern woman who can drink with the boys.

The reality is different. Women's alcoholic consumption has doubled in the past decade: an increasing number of women are seeking treatment for alcoholism, becoming ill, dying, and the number of women diagnosed as alcoholic is creeping up to meet the male figure — today's ratio is one woman to three men.

Has feminism backfired and are women either attempting to equal men, or distressed at not succeeding, reaching for the bottle? Are there particular social pressures at this time stimulating women's need to drink? Or

have the admen simply done a superlative job?

Jean White, senior counsellor at the Alcohol Counselling Service in South London, finds that many women turned to drink to cope with the difficulties of fulfilling a "proper" feminine role. The feeling of not being good enough wives and mothers, not succeeding easily in combining motherhood with work, the breakdown of a relationship, and confusion over sexual identity, are reasons why women drink.

These may be part of an enduring female culture, but Jean White believes there are contemporary pressures caused by the new poverty, by health and welfare cuts. Some of the pressures also weigh on men; but Jean White says that male drinking tends to be used as a way of boosting confidence, of feeling one of the boys, and of escaping from things they do not want to face. Women generally use drink to survive an inescapable situation.

She says: "When we decided to reach out to find women and let them know that we would look at their problem from a specifically female viewpoint, the number seeking help greatly increased. We are now seeing almost as many women as men. But still it isn't easy for women, and nationally there are far too few facilities suited to women. And there is still a lot of prejudice against women drinkers which makes it hard for them to acknowledge the problem even to themselves."

DAWN (Drugs, Alcohol and Women Nationally) — an organisation campaigning for more facilities for women — has noted that many women will not use male-dominated centres, partly at least because they feel judged.

Betsy Ottore, from the Institute of Psychiatry, says: "Getting drunk is part of male culture. It is seen as defining a 'real' man. Boys get drunk as part of their initiation into

manhood. And we are indulgent towards the male drinker, at least until he reaches the end of the road. Look at the folk heroes whose drinking has only added to their reputation as men of character — Scott Fitzgerald, Hemingway, to name just two. Yet when women drink — look at Dorothy Parker and Zelda Fitzgerald — they are considered pathetic and aberrant."

"Women are supposed to drink in our society only with restraint. After all they are the support system and a woman alcoholic is a bad mother, an irresponsible wife, a valueless woman."

Charles Vetter, who started ACCEPT, nine years ago, received a grant from the GLC to organise groups and facilities specially for women; they have a 70 per cent female staff and, he says, they now have the highest ratio of women referrals in the country. "When I opened the clinic I was worried about how little help was available for

women. Drink just wasn't being acknowledged as their problem. The services designed by men for men were chauvinistic, well illustrated by the leading health manual then around with the title *Does Your Husband Have a Drinking Problem?*

Half of ACCEPT's clients are now women who visit one of the organisation's centres for counselling, groups or individual help, as often as necessary. ACCEPT is now planning to buy a building to convert into a residential hostel.

The first women-only residential hostel in London opened recently after two years of rigorous campaigning by a group of women already working in mixed alcohol centres. Fiona Richmond, senior social worker at the Women's Alcohol Centre in Islington, says there are so few residential places available to women that they inevitably find themselves outnumbered by men, a situation which causes many to

withdraw, and feel inhibited. "If a woman is drinking because she has had bad experiences with a man, because she feels a failure as a mother, a woman, the chances are she will find it difficult to talk about in front of men."

"I have seen women I know are articulate, who I know want to talk and attempt to sort things out, remain completely silent throughout mixed groups. Or else they may have an emotional outburst and the men don't know how to react to that, so she feels she has done wrong. Such a situation can do more harm than good."

So what the WAC offers is "time and space for women to concentrate on themselves and their own needs. It is a pattern of many women's lives, drinkers or not, that they spend their time caring for a man, considering his needs all important, and suppressing any needs of their own."

"We believe that women who have coped with their situations by drinking need to realise that they are allowed to think about their own needs, get a sense of who they are, of their own strength. And in my experience that is often most successfully done when women are with other women. They support each other, they can share experiences, they do not fear being angry, difficult, unfeminine, among their own sex."

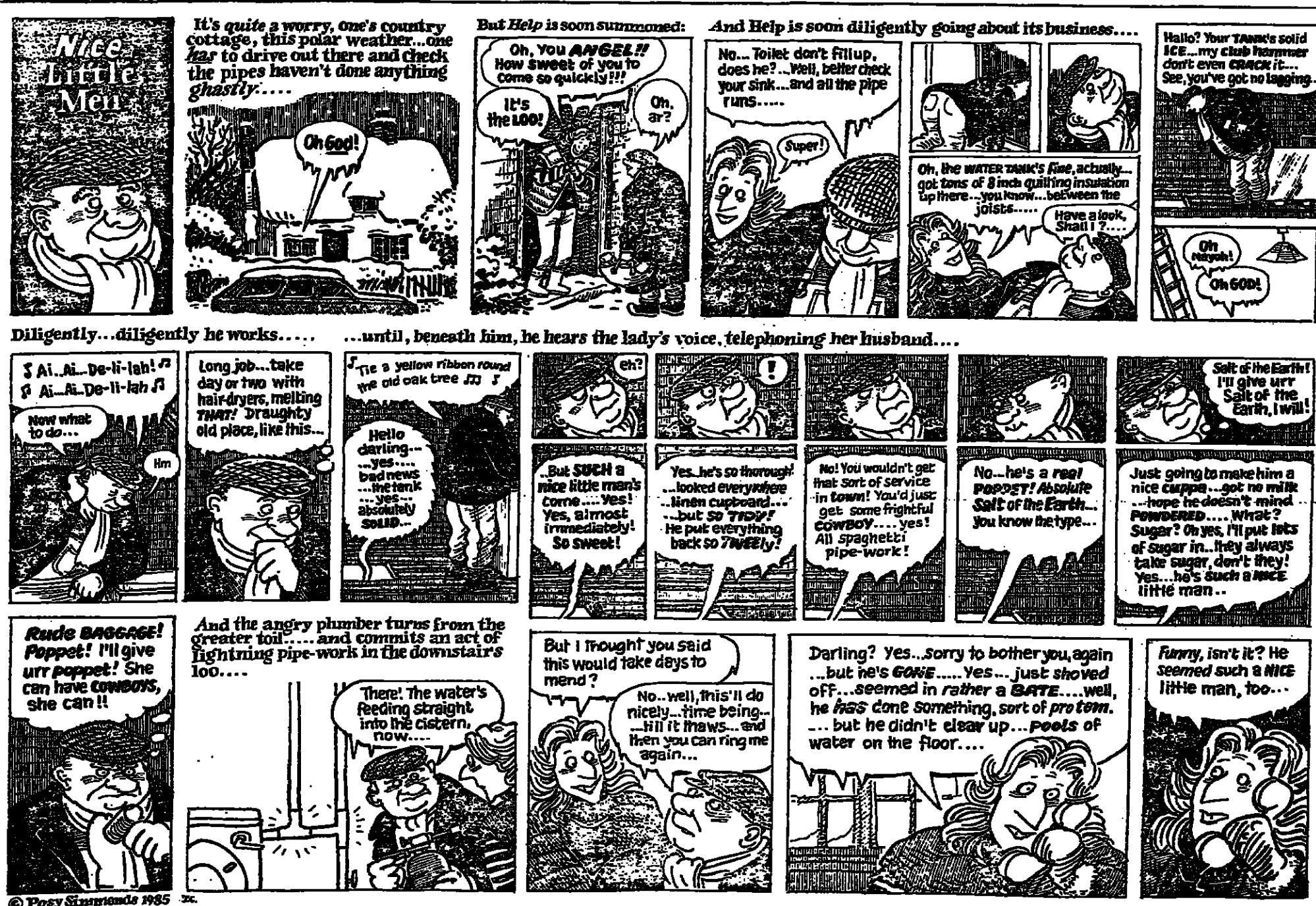
"We have only been going four months so it is early days to talk about results, and that is a term I tend to dislike. Instead I can say I like what I see going on: the women are being very constructive and appear to be working things out."

The WAC can take only six women at one time residentially, although they have a drop-in centre, groups, and counselling on a daily basis. It is regarded by Fiona and her colleagues as a pilot scheme which they hope will act as

inspiration for others to open similar centres. "We believe the Government should put money into this area. They get enormous revenue from the sale of liquor and a minute amount is spent on rehabilitation for alcoholics."

As long as women succeed in keeping the wraps on their drinking and we are not forced to face the true picture of distress little is likely to be done to provide the kind of help so widely believed essential. As Devora Wolfson at DAWN, where they are compiling a book of women's experiences of drinking, says: "It is only when women stop being able to act as society's support system that anything constructive is likely to be done at government level."

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## Vanity Fair

IT'S a sad thing to be a roaring success and be punished for it, but that's what's happening to staff at Urbleton Mental Health Unit. It is a shining example of Care in the Community, in a pleasant house in one of the better areas of Urbleton. Here, Warden and his staff provide a sort of halfway home for persons leaving psychiatric hospital, before they are plunged into the Community Proper, where the weak can be champed up in a trice. Unit provides Aftercare, which Urbleton is statutorily obliged to provide.

But sadly, by returning patients to near normality in delightful surroundings, Warden has rather stymied himself. It looks as if things are a doddle for him in there. There's no sign of him or staff doing any work, no visible suffering, no shambling, groaning, shrieking or whacking of heads against the walls, no white coats, no big bottles of pills and no nasty smells. Everything seems Normal — tidy kitchen, persons reading newspapers, tending the enormous garden and offering coffee to visitors. Fotted plants become more dense towards the upper floors where resident staff live. It's so normal, the Community doesn't even know it's there. Warden can't prove it's a madhouse. He can't prove he's prevented any suicides and he gets no points for providing the Right Atmosphere. It may be the most significant contribution to someone's progress, but it's rather costly for something that looks like nothing.

Warden is on a losing wicket. The better he does, the worse it looks, and no sensible Government will pay through the nose for half a dozen Nearly Normals to hang about in a lovely bit of real estate two minutes from station and shops. That's what makes it more costly. If Urbleton Council were to sell it and invest the money,

they'd make more, so they could be getting the running costs, and that way it works out rather extravagant.

There are also those into whose hearts the worm of envy has crept, who'd give their back teeth for Warden's premises and position. He has the pick of the bunch, they feel, and suspect that only patients with at least one honourous degree may enter The Unit. But at least Warden lives in reasonable disquiet, squashed up at the top with his family into two rooms, and that makes everyone feel a bit better. Naturally, when Warden asked to extend the premises and so have more patients at less unit cost and more room for himself, his request was looked upon as a rather bleakly sudden leap towards

bleakly. Years ago Urbleton Council promised that The Unit amount to an extension, but changed their minds two weeks before the extending and moving date. Being a psychologist, Warden understands the vagaries of human nature, but is still depressed by criticism and injustice.

Hopefully, his story will provide guidance for Councils on that day when the demented are finally released from long-stay hospitals and let out into the Community, and aftercare becomes instantaneous. The best thing is for patients to be somewhere a little shoddier than The Unit, an improvement on the hospital, but cheaper, where patients may become better but not too normal, retaining enough socially unacceptable behaviour to warrant spending here but not enough to wind up the neighbours. And when one day, when the Community has classed the medium and florid mad to its bosom, we won't even need Warden at all.

Michele Hanson

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By hook or by unkind crook

Nancy Banks-Smith pities the poor comics who found themselves hoist on an audience's whim

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I KNEW a man, a sage whose words were sought on all sides, who threw ping pong balls at the TV set in private. And a respected critic who conferred to a passion desire to throw a custard pie at the screen, then slammed the doors of the set (TV sets had doors in those days) shut. There are times when switching off just doesn't seem enough.

Granada's new talent show, the Fame Game, has a comparable device, the hook. A complete representative cross-section of the "bip-bip" - British public (this was a live show and even Tim Brooke-Taylor sounded terrified) pressed a button in their homes and a sort of shepherd's crook appeared from the wings and hauled the hopeful comic off.

Another contender was so nervous he forgot his joke: "Young woman in bath. Knock on the bathroom door. She said 'Who is it?' I forgot who it was" (19 seconds). A third won this section by shrewdly telling a very long story in which everyone stammered. The completely representative cross-section evidently felt they might as

well wait for the punchline (1.46 minutes). All the acts had subtitles giving the gist of their careers ("the former waitress and former priest") and all suffered push-button judgment, though not humiliation by the hook. I was rather sorry to see stand-up comics, performers of such raw courage that they could give lion tainers tips, singled out for this embarrassment.

Dr Who (BBC-1) had a variation of judgment by television. The governor of Varos, a peculiarly nasty planet, is regularly strapped to a cell disintegrator and obliged to put his policy to the public. If viewers vote no, he screams rather a lot ("Conspicuously, sir, you survived the vote"). Three not, and he disintegrates in a puff of disapproval.

Not unlike Television And The Presidency (BBC-2), an exhaustive, not to say exhausting, account of this symbiosis postponed because of Mrs Gandhi's assassination. A point to give presidents pause. It is the nicest irony that when "how you look is more important than what you say" (McGovern), an actor and an actress should inherit the White House.

And it is a pity that the story was not brought up to date, with, for instance, that most telling image at the Republican Convention of a flea of a woman, acclaiming with upthrown threads of arms the huge head of her husband on a monstrous monitor.

With an innate understanding that timing is everything, President Reagan has positioned his inauguration so as not to clash with a football game. This makes the blood drain from my gums but it may, of course, only show a healthy sense of priorities.

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Joyce McMillan reviews Mary Stuart at Glasgow

Shiny Schiller

THE ABILITY to change, to develop, to move on and to surprise has always been the great redeeming strength of the Havergal-Prowse-MacDonald regime at the Citizens Theatre in Glasgow.

Now, from the home of the shriek and the prance, the cheerfully travestied text and the gorgeously dressed stage, comes a version of Schiller's Maria Stuart as true, rich and straight as a die, sustained by a wealth of fine acting, and played out in dusty pools of light against a dark void of a setting that offers no distraction from the drama, momentum of the drama and the verse.

As a historical drama, Mary Stuart is probably a little too specific in its inspiration to qualify as one of the world's great tragedies. But it is the part of the triumph of Philip Prowse's deeply intelligent and moving production that it handles the play's wealth of political and personal details with a quiet and appreciative awareness.

This concerns Mary's transfiguration from a woman tortured and humiliated by the fickleness of earthly fortune into one strengthened and magnified by the prospect of eternity and her profound religious faith.

Robert David MacDonald's powerful, allusive and wonderfully speakable new translation wanders eloquently into all the books and trannies of the text, echoing a contemporary sermon here, a Shakespearean political history there, but the production as a whole falls powerfully into shape around Ann Mitchell's Mary, a model of the text, a model of the play, a model of the production.

It is only when women are given the right to be as constructive as to be done at government's expense.

SATURDAY in the Cottesloe began with the fall of Lucifer and the creation of Adam and Eve. It ended, almost 12 hours later, with Judgment Day. Bill Bryden's production of The Mysteries achieved a complete circle with The Nativity and The Passion being joined by Doomsday; and the result, for all present, was an unforgettable piece of communal theatre.

But the interesting question is why, in an age of scepticism, an audience should be so stirred by a piece of medieval religious drama.

What is more the plays are always human, earthy and concrete. Thus when the God of Doomsday appears before us to lament the prevalence of sin and his disappointment in his creation, he tells us: "To add me to the straightway sought, therefore me runs that I the world began." He speaks like a grieving father rather than a pompous divine.

Cony Harrison's version of all three plays grants this fundamental point: that although the works embrace a variety of styles, including farce, irony, spectacle and sermon, they are written in a sharp, crisp language that makes the comic colloquial. Sometimes Mr Harrison's drumming alliteration bounces off the brain. But he has a wonderful grasp of the down-to-earth ("When I am dead," says Cain, "bury me in Wexford, quarry head"). And he often clarifies the source without distorting it.

Thus Christ's original final lines on Judgment Day ("And that the mendicant blade whiles that might, shall be and bide in my blessing") here mean: "I shall be with you in the plan of action better."

The emphasis throughout is on the plays' roots in ordinary life: thus Brian Glover's God strips off his henpen cloak to become a man in cloth-cap and braces, and Karl Johnson's Risen



Karl Johnson as Christ addressing Robert Stephens's Pilate in Doomsday: picture by Douglas Joffery

Michael Billington applauds the completed cycle of Mystery plays at the National

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Brixton Robin Denslow

Miners' benefit

ON A Saturday night in the large and freezing Brixton Academy, four British pop bands raised an estimated £18,000 for the miners' benefit. The remarkable show that mixed political idealism with just a little bitchiness and trouble.

The idea originally came from Astor Camera's Roddy Frame who wrote offering help to the miners' union. A sound technician, Simon Firth, happened to be at NUM HQ and although he has never put on a pop concert before, he managed to get three other bands to play.

The hero of the evening (apart from the band) was Oran Juice's Edwyn Collins, who agreed to end the impasse by going on first, saying he at least was still true to punk principles. What he said to anyone was that this was to be OJ's final appearance, and so the last over performance of their wry, tuneful songs took place.

RADIO 3 Edward Greenfield

Salieri opera

IN A WEEK when the powerful new film of Amadeus sets up Antonio Salieri as an alien, it is only fair that Radio 3 has attempted to set things in perspective. Next to Mozart almost any rival might seem mediocre to posterity, but Salieri is comic opera, an hour-long, Prima la musica, poi le parole (first the music, then the words), now emerges as rather more

ELIZABETH HALL Hugo Cole

Endymion Ensemble

BRITTEN in youth was often described as a clever composer - never much of a composer in those days in England. His Sonatina Opus One is one of the few works that deserves the epithet, being that and not much more. But it did provide good material for the principles of the Endymion Ensemble to demonstrate

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## The President plays a hawkish first card

Nearly everyone concerned including those appointed and those dropped, has been surprised by President Reagan's choice of team to negotiate in the tripartite arms talks with the Russians. The head of the team, Max Kampelman, also takes charge of the space weapons department, and since he is an enthusiastic supporter of the Strategic Defence Initiative (SDI for Star Wars) Mr Reagan's brainchild will be safe in his care. He is also, however, one with good credentials in both parties a conservative Democrat who served as a negotiator with the Soviet Union under Carter, advised both Humphrey and Mondale on foreign policy during their campaigns, and has a sound oratorical record on communism. His main partner is the former Senator John Tower, who displaces the more knowledgeable but almost equally hawkish General Rowley. He has evidently been selected also to appeal to the right in the Senate, so that again, if he can negotiate limits on or reductions in strategic weapons there is less likelihood of the fiasco which left the Salt II treaty of 1979 unratified. Maynard Glitman is less of a surprise: he was deputy to Paul Nitze at the intermediate weapons talks in Geneva which collapsed in 1983. The collapse came about because the conditions for an agreement were not judged right in either super power capital. Mr Glitman brings what Washington describes as "balance" to the team and may indeed be reassuring Europeans, whose first interest lies in the SS-20s, the cruises and the Pershings.

It is a tough team, perhaps tempting the Russians once again to appeal over the heads of the negotiators to public opinion in Western Europe. For the Americans have to reckon with the fact that Europeans, governments as well as people, are much less enamoured of the Star Wars project, which contrives to unite both advocates and opponents of independent nuclear forces controlled from Europe. For if, for the sake of argument, the SDI can be made to work it both seriously prejudices the plausibility of a British Trident system and leaves Europe exposed to low-flying cruise missiles. And if it doesn't work the costly attempt to build it leads to an arms race in a new dimension which finds Europe in the middle, vulnerable at a time of insecurity between the superpowers.

The toughness of the team, however, can be no surprise to the Russians. They have made up their minds to deal with Mr Reagan's second administration even though they have no reason to expect any significant change of stance. If they are as keen as they say to talk the US out of the SDI they will presumably have thought of some potent inducement — perhaps the "deep cuts" in strategic missiles which the US has consistently advocated. In theory the SDI is still an infant which can be strangled at birth. In practice, though, there is enough division of expert opinion about its prospects to encourage Mr Reagan to nurture it, and the defence contractors are making odd noises. It will be a year or more before the US feasibility reports are in. Perhaps that is when the talks will begin in earnest.

## Aids and a caring society

Hold the hysteria. The Royal College of Nursing suggests that there could be a million cases of Aids in Britain by 1991. But the history of epidemics suggests that a disease's ability to replicate itself eventually abates. In America the numbers are no longer doubling every six to eight months. Further, a method of controlling the virus and discovering its precise mode of transmission may be achieved within the decade. Teams in Paris and the US claimed at the weekend to have identified the genetic structure of the virus.

Because the disease is particularly, though not exclusively, prevalent among male homosexuals there has been, in an attempt to portray Aids sufferers as agents of foul contagion, with Aids itself a nemesis for the promiscuous. But Aids is not exclusive to homosexuals at all, and not all those who contract the disease can be categorised as promiscuous. But the problem is a serious one. Short-term, calm forecasting estimates that there will be some 400 people in Britain who will have contracted Aids by December 1985; so planning and co-ordinated responses are necessary. The Department of Health has been too leisurely and too complacent — on both counts — so far. It must ensure that all Factor 8, the blood-clotting agent for haemophiliacs, is heat treated to destroy Aids virus; and that all special clinics, treating sexually transmitted diseases, must be required to display notices warning the chief groups at risk from Aids not to give blood. It is by blood that the virus is carried.

The Department should also make it obligatory for all centres where blood is given to display similar warning notices. It will have to accept, too, that there will be a need for more acute hospital beds in London for Aids sufferers. It would be impractical and money wasting to send them out of town.

Practical steps to respond to a constrained, but real threat. And steps — moreover — that might beneficially be accompanied by wider recognition that the male homosexuals who are bearing the main brunt of a cruel and dreadful disease need all the support and understanding that a supposedly caring society can provide.

## Open secrets in the Falklands

Back to the curious and mendacious matter of the Falklands constitution. Last week, the Falklands Legislative Council agreed certain changes to the new constitution for the islands. They were told that these amendments — ensuring their right to self-determination, had been "agreed by Mrs Thatcher and Sir Geoffrey Howe." But in London the Foreign Office said they didn't have a copy of these documents. Rat-smellers of Parliament duly united. Baroness Young told the Lords that it was "only reasonable that a new constitution should be discussed privately with the councillors." Mrs Thatcher told the Commons about perfectly understandable "discussions" and "consultations" between HM Government and the Council. So Parliament is told, essentially, about private and quite understandable chats. What happened, however, was altogether different. Sir Rex Hunt, the seconded Foreign Office diplomat and Civil Commissioner, announced on Falklands radio last Monday night that he had received the amendments ensuring self-determination from London. The Legislative Council met the next day in formal Town Hall session, with the public gallery well stocked. The amendments were formally approved. And, as usual, the entire proceedings were broadcast — and rebroadcast — on local radio. The islanders may thus reasonably feel that they have done something legal, open, binding and definitive. Meanwhile Westminster is told only of "private" chats. Who, pray, is kidding who? And why?

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Siren call of Euro-cash

Sir, — I was rather surprised to read your Leader (January 16) urging the Chancellor to continue hard about taking the pound into the European Monetary System.

In doing so, I fear you have fallen prey to the general panic which has spread as the ignominy of parity with the dollar approaches. The difficulties which British governments have faced in the past as they attempted to defend unrealistic exchange rates — Labour in the 1960s, for example — seem to have been forgotten.

It seems to me that there are good reasons why the pound should stay out of the EMS.

Autonomy in pursuing domestic economic policy is completely sacrificed. Your Leader, in rather defeatist fashion, would not make any difference at the moment anyway, as the Conservatives are pursuing similar restrictive policies to the EMS members. But what if, in the future, a Labour (or Alliance) government wished to take a different line?

As the French experience showed, this is not possible, if a fixed exchange rate has to be defended. Of course, even under a floating exchange-rate regime, most countries will manage their currencies; but at least they retain some freedom on the domestic front.

As you acknowledge, the pound's status as a petrocurrency is likely to make it inherently more volatile than most EMS currencies. Access to the joint foreign exchange reserves of the EMS will not alter the fact that the UK might therefore face greater problems than its European partners in maintaining a stable exchange rate, even if domestic economic policies have converged.

The EMS may currently seem like a paragon of stability in an uncertain world — only seven realignments so far — but this is largely due to the fact that potentially strong currencies like the Deutschmark have been held down by the overwhelming strength of the US dollar.

Joining the EMS would be little more than a short-term expedient. Its longer-term consequences would be to surrender domestic policy objectives to the caprices of the international capital markets.

The odds are that we would end up with more exchange rate "crises" rather than fewer. — Yours John Sillis, 130A Haverstock Hill, London NW3.

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As soon as Peter Pitt proposed substantial cuts in arts grants, inevitably attention was focused entirely on the reaction of major institutional clients: the national theatres, opera houses, and so on. But it is the smaller clients who will be most brutally and critically affected.

One of the great achievements of the Arts and Recreation Committee under the present Labour administration at County Hall has been to spread massively the net of patronage. It took the political decision that art mattered, and began to support many deserving arts groups — a wide swathe of contemporary performing groups, as well as community arts — which had never before received public subsidy. This

bold policy worked well and, among the criticisms of the GLC, I can recall none levied at the quality and range of the work thus supported.

The tragedy is that what might have been a visionary example of the GLC's arts policy, followed more widely has been overtaken by other events; and the general debate it might have fostered on arts, its place, and funding in contemporary society — never took place.

One consequence is that many artists who at last had the opportunity to develop their talents, will again lose their livelihoods. Among them are people working in whole areas of music — including jazz, contemporary folk, ethnic, and religious yet accessible, which expresses current society in a popular voice.

The national institutions may lose large sums from the GLC, but these are only a fraction of their whole

budget: small independent groups (like this one) lose small sums which are equivalent to their entire grant aid.

If the GLC goes, other government funds will be available to make good the losses of the national institutions. But will there be any help from the Arts Council, private business, or rate-capped boroughs? As for redundancies, the effects will never show among musicians and creative artists because they enjoy the security of a "job".

If the GLC perishes, a large number of artists will lose their exiguous livelihoods, and a great deal of our best, boldest, and most imaginative contemporary art will die with it. — Yours faithfully, Tony Haynes.

The Grand Union, 66 Middleton Square, London EC1.

## Time to put our foot down on an 80 mph road to perdition

Sir, — The Commons Select Committee's recommendation that the motorway speed limit should be increased to 80 mph is astonishing for it ignores several environmental and conservation issues that have recently persuaded other countries — prominent among them the US and West Germany — to bring their speed limits down to well below our present 70 mph.

The argument that because the present level is not easily enforceable, it should be scrapped, regardless of all other considerations, is curious indeed. If its logic is accepted, we might as well get rid of a great many laws that are equally difficult to enforce: take burglary, tax evasion, or for that matter, racial violence (Guardian, January 17) as random examples.

One has the uneasy feeling that once again the motorist lobby has triumphed. Once 80 mph is accepted, why not 90 or 100? I thought that MPs, and especially opposition MPs, would have a special interest in environmental problems and in conservation; could I be wrong? — Yours (Prof) Leslie Brent, London N10.

## Miscellany at large

Sir, — James Naughtie says (Guardian, January 17) that the proposed reform of the lobby system would be the first change "since the incident a decade ago when a public row between the journalists and Mr Joe Haines, then press secretary in Downing Street, led to his suspension in regular contacts".

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Hugo Young

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But his is a mistaken perception. The Thatcher Cabinet is full of people who have always been changing their minds. It is a Government of converts. The conversion process was the key to its origins, back in the 1970s, and remains close to the heart of its collective psyche. Considered as a whole, the political class of most of its members are a testament to radical inconsistency.

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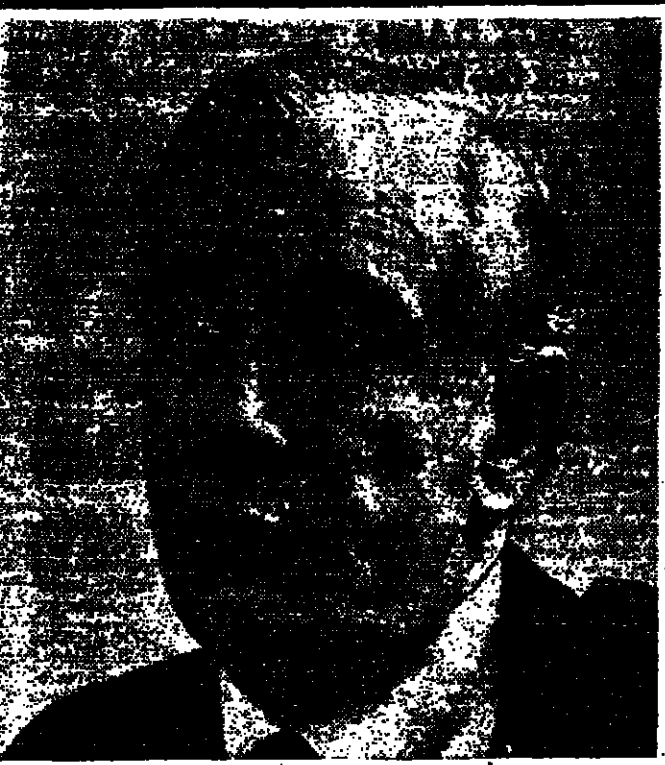
No dilemma for Doctor Griffin

James Erlichman on the man many believe has turned from gamekeeper to poacher

BUSINESS PEOPLE

DOCTOR John Griffin is among that breed of measured men seemingly able to juggle without moving their lips. A hand raised to emphasise a point is to him a glancing gesture. By all appearances he does not like unnecessary risks. In keeping with this caution, John Griffin spent more than a decade of his life trying to protect all our lives by making doubly sure that drugs, manufactured for sale by the pharmaceutical industry, were just as safe as the pill makers claimed them to be. He is remembered in this role as a staunch critic of drug industry abuses. How incongruous it appears then that this man, who was raised under the strict self-denying codes of the Welsh Calvinistic Methodists, should suddenly abandon his career as the nation's senior principal medical officer to become the mouthpiece of the drug manufacturers in Britain. His salary at the Department of Health as the official drugs watchdog was around £30,000. Now, as the director of the Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry, he has a much more comfortable position. How much, he declines to say. Commerce always did pay more than the caring professions. Yet none of his critics, even those who see him as a gamekeeper turned poacher, believe that he was motivated to make the switch primarily by money. He has been through the revolving door between industry and government before. Dr Griffin began practice as a house physician and surgeon at the London Hospital in 1964. But three years later he joined Pfizer Laboratories and rose rapidly to become the drug company's European medical director before joining the medicines division of the Department of Health in 1971. His abrupt departure from the DHSS last July brought a brief salvo of criticism, but most was aimed at Health Minister Kenneth Clarke, for allowing him to walk straight from Whitehall into his chair at the ABPI. There the veil might have

been drawn if recent events had not put John Griffin in the hot-seat above a brewing political cauldron. The Thatcher Government determined to cut another £100 million from Health Service costs, has slashed drug expenditure by decreasing that more than 350 drugs will be banned from NHS prescriptions by April. But Dr Griffin wanted permission from his Whitehall masters to go further by publishing an official explanation of the Open tragedy. It was to include a public warning that the methods of post-market drug surveillance still need to be improved. But his attempts to alert the public were, he says, "suppressed" — presumably by ministers who read treachery in the motives of civil servants who want more open government. "This atmosphere of conflict," as Dr Griffin describes it, grew worse when Patrick Jenkin was replaced at the DHSS and his successors stepped up their drive to squeeze money out of the NHS. John Griffin reacted, according to one former colleague, by becoming "belligerent and offhand with officials". His paths to promotion were discreetly blocked. Having completed the major tasks before him — including the creation of the highly respected drug compendium, the British National Formulary, Dr Griffin felt at the age of 46 that he had no honourable choice but to resign from the civil service. He has always kept a hand in clinical medicine by maintaining NHS clinics, first in chest disorders and then in blood diseases. But even doctors face the choice of a quiet life or a public one. "I was probably too old and not sufficiently in touch to go back full-time — and besides these fields are now rather oversubscribed with specialists. Says the same former colleague: "I suppose John's options were few. But he could have got a very senior job with a good drug company like ICI where standards among the medics working for the company are very high. As the director of the ABPI he is forced down to the level of the lowest common denominator, and in the drug industry that is very low indeed. Dr Griffin was on the look-out for just such a drug company job when headhunters on the prowl for the ABPI discovered he was vulnerable to an approach. At least he was being offered a chance to stay in the forefront of drug



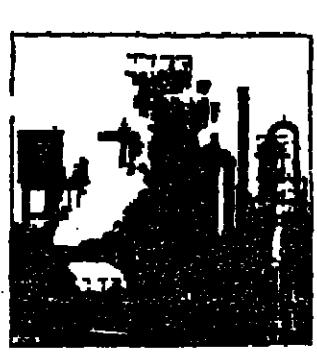
John Griffin: once a staunch critic — picture by Garry Weiser

policy-making, albeit from the other side of the fence. It is only fair also to record that the issue of drug costs and pharmaceutical industry profits had never been Dr Griffin's prime worry. His principal objective at the DHSS had been to get the best and safest drugs to National Health patients — other departments knewed themselves with costs. His father was a merchant near Cardiff, his upbringing modest. "You could certainly say I am a Berranite about the NHS," and he adds, "I am no supporter of CND, but the real way to get more money for the Health Service is to stop building Trident missiles we cannot afford — not by looking for a few piddling amounts of money from the drug companies." The Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry is one of the shrewdest and best funded lobbies in Britain. By purchasing Dr Griffin's services it knew that it was acquiring a medical man of impeccable reputation with a first class knowledge of the pathways and personalities within the corridors of government power. Regrettably, the government's only motive for attempting to ban the 350 drugs is the ideological pursuit of economies. And the drug industry's prime motive for restoring the drugs is its pursuit of profit. In the view of some independent experts most of the drugs could be scrapped from the NHS prescription pad without the slightest harm to patients. But such reasoned pursuit of sensible economic sense has been lost in the current crossfire. Each new onslaught from the ABPI's £500,000 advertising campaign, which claims that the elderly, children and the poor will suffer "second

John Torode on the logic, or lack of logic, behind the attacks on the supposedly divisive tactics of democratic miners in the Nottinghamshire coalfield

Scargillism, Spencerism, activism and schism

LABELS are very convenient things. As long as we know whether the label in question is (to employ the phraseology of the linguistic philosophers) a "proper" word or a "bad" word, it is an easy substance for analysis. Thus "moderate" demands a loud "hooray" in establishment circles. "Militant" and "activist" invite a heavy "boycott" on the other hand. If you read the Morning Star things are reversed. To call a union official a "moderate" is to label him a Raddite. To call him a "militant" (small m, of course), or an "activist" is to let the faithful know he is a Good Guy.



WORKING BRIEF

In much the same way the label "Spencerite" is being firmly tacked upon the door of what remains, until the end of the month, the Nottinghamshire Labour office of the National Union of Mineworkers. In union circles Spencerism has long been the ultimate crime. The details are vague but the indictment somehow embraces, creating a breakaway union and, yet worse, a breakaway union blessed by the bosses. To label as Spencerite (boo, boo) the elected executive of the Nottinghamshire NUM suggests that it is they who are deliberately splitting their union and, moreover, that they are somehow, in the pay of Mr Ian MacGregor. The rebels Henry Richardson and Ray Chadburn, the two senior officials of the NUM, miners who have decided to defy their area executive, and the men who elected them, thus become the enemies of the NUM. They are the defenders of the faith. It is the area executive and men like Mr Roy Lyngk, the area secretary, who have stuck by their members, who become Spencerite splitters and blacklegs. Arthur Scargill has already had a go at Labour's energy spokesman, Sir Ian Gowan. He reportedly told the NUM president that he did not believe that the Labour Party would recognise any new union. Nor, understand, would the TUC. The NUM represents all — repeat, all — mineworkers, whether they like it or not. Neither the Labour Party nor the TUC would have any truck with Spencerism. At which point it is worth standing back and taking a

union together and to avoid another post 1926 crack-up. Last February Mr Scargill's executive side-stepped the need for a ballot by encouraging its areas to do what were (and, in theory, remain) coordinated local stoppages if they wished. The NUM area ballots its members, as was its local constitutional duty. The members voted over-whelmingly not to strike. "That's why all but a few hundred remain at work. After intimidatory mass picketing from other counties had failed to force the NUM men out, the national union altered its rules so that it was retrospectively able to discipline the NUM men for voting democratically and constitutionally not to strike. It was Catch 22. The NUM area executive refused to tolerate the farcical suggestion that its members were liable to retrospective punishment precisely because they had acted democratically and in full accord with the union rule book. And that is why the NUM area is on the verge of explosion. The contrast with break away Spencerism could not be greater. If the expulsions go ahead, the NUM area of the NUM will become an independent union. It is the thousand or so men on unofficial strike (plus a few "militants" — labels, again) who may act as splitters by breaking away to join some new regional body sponsored by Mr Scargill. A new NUM front might pick up 7 or 8 per cent of the NUM miners. The Nationalisation Act of 1947 required the board to recognise unions which represent "substantial proportions" of their members. Almost certainly that means the board will be under a legal obligation to recognise the NUM area union. The NUM expelled because it was following its own rules and procedures. Constitutional and democratic legitimacy are embraced by the NUM area of the NUM. If it is indeed expelled it will remain an independent of the board as it ever was. The split has been caused because the NUM, nationally, has ridden roughshod over both the wishes of its members in Nottinghamshire, and its own rule book. That is why there will be two competing unions in the pits — one for "moderates" and one for "militants".

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## BBC-1

6 0 am Ceefax AM. 6 30 Breakfast Time. 9 0 Pages from Ceefax. 12 30 Play School. 10 50 Pages from Ceefax. 12 30 News After Noon. 12 57 Regional News. 1 00 Debbie Mill at One. 1 45 Postman Pat. 2 00 Ken Hensley's Country. 2 25 See Hear. 2 50 Songs of Praise from the Muckle Kirk, Lerwick, Shetland. Ceefax subtitles. 3 25 Pages from Ceefax. 3 45 Regional News (except London and Scotland). 3 50 Play School. 4 10 SuperTed. 4 15 Theesies the Hero. 4 50 Fonz and the Happy Days Gang. 4 55 John Craven's Newsround. 5 0 Blue Peter. Ceefax subtitles. 5 25 Rolf Harris Cartoon Time. Ceefax subtitles. 5 58 Weather.

6 0 NEWS: weather.

6 30 REGIONAL NEWS MAGAZINES.

6 55 THE SUPERTEAMS. Final of the multi-sport tourney from the Royal Naval Base, Portsmouth, with the nautical obstacle course again presenting the maximum challenge to the athletic competitors. David Vine, Ron Pickering are the commentators.

7 40 SUBMARINE. Ocean Safari — The Hunt. Third film in the underwater series goes aboard HMS Warspite, nuclear powered, hunter-killer sub as she takes part in a major NATO exercise, playing the part of a Red Aggressor. And while the commander ricks their targets, the crew talk about the qualities, like tolerance and a sense of humour, that must be cultivated in the midst of the war games. Ceefax sub-titles.

8 10 PANORAMA: The Politics of Plenty. While Marxist Ethiopia has, until recently, been getting little aid from the West, its African neighbour, Kenya, of the pro-Western stance, has been receiving dollars by the billion. Philip Tibenham reports from the country the Americans call the Shining Star of Africa on the Kenyans' problems — and the price of Western support.

9 0 NEWS: weather.

9 25 CRIMEWATCH UK. Nick Ross and Sue Cook with another programme publicising recent unsolved crimes, and requesting useful information from viewers. Tonight they reconstruct the murder of the British Rail steward whose body was dumped in Bristol docks, and investigate the case of the Hertfordshire rapist who has already struck three times.

10 5 THE LITTLE GIRL WHO LIVES DOWN THE LANE. First British TV showing for an absorbing, gruesome thriller, made in 1976 by Nicholas Cassar and set in a small Canadian town. Jodie Foster plays the very independent 13-year-old whose self-possession screens a terrifying secret; Martin Sheen is the sadistic child molester who intends to exploit his knowledge of what's going on.

11 35 CRIMEWATCH UPDATE. 11 5 Weather; close.

Wales: 5 25 am Interval. 5 35-5 55 Wales Today. 5 55-6 00 Wales on Table Tennis Championships.

Scotland: 6 55 pm Indoor Football. 11 45-11 55 Super. 11 55-12 00 Football. 11 71-11 75 Sports of Nov.

## BBC-2

9 0 am Pages from Ceefax. 9 15 Daytime on Two. 9 15 Job Bank. 9 30 Going to Work. 10 0 You and Me. 10 15 Music. 10 30 British Social History. 11 0 Zig Zag. Ceefax sub-titles. 11 23 La Marea et Ses Secrets. 11 42 General Studies. 12 10 pm 16 Up — the YTS Report. 12 40 Plants into Action. 1 5 Rockschool. 1 25 Pages from Ceefax. 1 35 Scotland this Century. 2 0 Words and Pictures. 2 18 Exploring Science. 2 40 The Music Arcade. 3 0 Pages from Ceefax.

4 45 PRESIDENT REAGAN'S INAUGURATION. Live satellite coverage of the 50th inauguration ceremony.

5 25 NEWS with sub-titles; weather.

5 30 THE SHOW ME SHOW. The wonders of the natural world — including the echoing onion skin and the fibre optic zither — explored in the re-run science-as-fun show.

6 0 BORN YESTERDAY. The Hollywood Ladies season continues with George C. Scott's delightful comedy, based on Garson Kanin's Broadway hit, which brought Judy Holiday an Oscar for her role as the definitive dumb blonde. Broderick Crawford is her rich villain of a lover, William Holden the writer he hires to improve her mind. Made in 1950.

7 40 CARTOON TWO: William Blake.

7 45 VEGETARIAN KITCHEN: Whole-wheat Bread and Baking. Repeated recipes from Sarah Brown.

8 10 THE BOB MONKHOUSE SHOW. More eye-rolling risqué bits from Bob M. with comic contributions from Max Boyce, Kelly Monteith, and impressionist Gary Wilentz.

9 0 HILARY. Marti Caine doing her Lovable Nut bit again as manic media person Hilary, now getting distraught at the demise of Arthur her mynah (geddit?) bird.

9 30 HORIZON: Decoding Danebury. What kind of people lived in the 2,500-year-old Hampshire hill fort? Antonia Benedek's film shows how Professor Barry Cunliffe and his archaeological team have been reconstructing a vivid picture of Celtic society from Danebury's rubbish dumps, using the latest high tech techniques.

10 20 SEABROOK'S YEAR 2: Spring. Continuing Don Haworth's portrait of Suffolk shepherd and sheep shearer Richard Seabrook.

10 50 NEWSNIGHT.

11 35 TELE-JOURNAL. Another chance to see the day's news from a French perspective, with a little language improvement thrown in.

12 5 Close.

## ITV London

6 15 am Good Morning Britain. 9 25 News Headlines. 9 30 Picture Post. 9 47 Let's Relax. 10 00 News. 10 10 Big Bash. 10 20 Stop Look Listen. 10 30 Starting Science. 10 32 The English Programme. 11 2 Seeing and Doing. 11 20 Junior Maths. 11 30 The French Programme. 12 0 Tickle on the Tum. 12 10 pm Let's Pretend. 12 30 Voices in the Dark. 1 0 News. 1 20 Thames News. 1 30 Film: My Foolish Heart. 1940 romantic drama with Susan Hayward, Dana Andrews. 2 25 News Headlines. 3 30 The Young Doctors. 4 0 Tickle on the Tum. 4 15 The Moomins. 4 20 He-Man and Masters of the Universe. 4 45 Chocky's Children. 5 15 Emmerdale Farm.

5 45 NEWS; weather.

6 0 TEAM NEWS with Andrew Gardner and Tina Jenkins.

6 25 HELPI with Viv Taylor Gee.

6 35 CROSSROADS.

7 0 AUTOMANIA: Driven to the Limits. Latest programme in the series looks at the attempts of various countries to curb the use of the car — or if that fails, to improve the road manners of the drivers. South Korea, home of the world's toughest driving test, turns the taking of it into a spectator sport.

7 50 CORONATION STREET. Oracle sub-titles.

8 0 FULL HOUSE: Promises, Promises. More sitcom adventures of the house sharing foursome, with Christopher Strauli as boring Paul, getting pompous about promises and coming to regret it. Oracle sub-titles.

8 30 WORLD IN ACTION. Are the growing number of Whitehall leaks the result of a deteriorating relationship between Mrs Thatcher and her senior administrators? Are the traditions of an impartial Civil Service being swept away by low morale and demands for greater political commitment? Or has the Prime Minister failed to tackle an inefficient bastion of establishment privilege? Among those giving their views are Edward Heath, Norman Strauss, until recently one of the Government's top advisers, Lord Gowrie, new Minister for the Civil Service, and Sir Robert Armstrong who, as Cabinet Secretary, is the most powerful mandarin of them all.

9 0 QUINCY: Across the Line. Jack Klugman as the pushy pathologist.

10 0 NEWS; weather.

10 30 HOLOCAUST 2000. Industrialist Kirk Douglas starts to build a nuclear plant in a Third World country, then finds that his son (Simon Ward) happens to be the anti-Christ, who plans to use it to destroy the world.

12 25 NIGHT THOUGHTS with Frank Field, MP. Countdown.

## Channel 4

2 25 pm Vietnam: The Ten Thousand Day War. The Trail. 3 0 The Late Late Show. 4 0 A Plus. 4 30 Countdown. 5 0 Super-bowl XIX. 5 30 Me and My World.

6 0 WHERE IN THE WORLD. Ray Alan hosts another round of the travel quiz.

6 30 BABY, BABY. 2. Night of the Living Dead. More thoughts of being a modern Mummy or Daddy from Paula Yates, Jools Holland and celebrity parent chums.

7 0 CHANNEL FOUR NEWS. 7 58. Comment by Scilla McLean, research director of Oxford Research Group.

8 0 BROOKSIDE.

8 30 RELATIVE STRANGERS. 2. Second episode of Laurence Marks and Maudie Grant's new sitcom, with Matthew Kelly as the happy-go-lucky bachelor who's just gained a son (Mark Farmer) and is already bent on losing him.

9 0 DECADE OF DESTRUCTION. 1. The Search For The Kidnappers. The Worldwide season of environment-conscious programmes continues with a repeat showing of two outstanding Central documentaries.

9 45 Chopin: Three Mazurkas Op. 58. Four Impromptus. Maria Bujanska (piano).

10 20 Baroque Two Pictures (Amsterdam Concertgebouw/Dorati). Violin Concerto No. 2 (Kyung-Wha Chung/LPO/Seiji).

11 20 Schubert Songs — settings of poems by Schubert's friends. Richard Jackson (baritone), Graham Johnson (piano).

11 50 BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra. Music Week: Doremi (first UK broadcast). Brahms: Piano Concerto No. 1 (Anthony Goldstone).

1 0 News; BBC Lunchtime Concert: Beethoven Trio. Faure: Trio Op. 120. Havel: Trio in a minor.

2 0 Music Weekly: Norway after Grace. Burns and Scottish Folk Heritage.

2 45 New Records. Casella: Paganini (Amsterdam Concertgebouw/Kondrashin). Poulenc: Concerto for two pianos and orchestra (Gabriel Tacchino/Bernard Ringeissen/Monte Carlo PO/Preter). Kodaly: String Quartet No. 1 (Kodaly Quartet).

4 55 News; mainly from the BBC. Music for Organ: Daniel Roth in St Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin. Tourneure: Fresque Symphonique Sacree No. 2. Robert Zwillich. Fiedler: Marche de la Penitence, Final. Te Deum.

7 0 Alessandro. To open the celebrations of Handel's 300th birthday (February 24) a performance of his three operas about Alexander the Great at the time of his invasion of India. Sung in Italian with Rene Jacobs (conductor) as Alexander, Sophie Bouillon (soprano) as Roxane, Isabelle Poulencard (soprano) as Lisaura, Stephen Varco (bass) as Clito. La Petite Bande, cond. Sigiswald Kuijken. Interval at 10.15.

11 0 Another World. Music from Persia played by Ali Shargian (ute), Shohreh Shaigan (singer), Masoud Omid (santour), Raza Omid (tombak).

11 57 News.

5 55 Shipping Forecast.

6 10 Farming Week.

6 20 Prayer for the Day.

6 30 Today including 7, 8, 9 News.

8 25 The Week on the Sound. Archives for favourite clips.

9 0 News; Start the Week with Richard Baker.

10 0 News; Money Box. Finance advice.

## Radio 1

6 0 am Andy Peebles. 7 0 Mike Read. 8 0 Simon Bates. 12 0 Gary Davies. 12 30 Steve Wright. 5 0 Bruno Brookes. 7 30 Janice Long. 10 0-12 0 midnight John Peel.

## Radio 2

4 0 am Colin Berry. 6 0 Ray Moore. 8 0 Ken Bruce. 10 30 Jimmy Young. 1 15 David Jacobs. 2 0 Gloria Hunniford. 3 30 Music of the Way. 4 0 David Hamilton. 6 0 John Dunn. 8 0 Alan Dell. Dance Band Days. Big Band Era. 9 0 Humphrey Lyttelton. 10 0 Cinema Scrapbook. 10 30 Star Sound. 11 0 Brian Matthew. 1 0 am Charles Nova. 3 0-4 0 Folk on 2.

## Radio 3

6 55 Weather. 7 0 News; Morning Concert. 8 0 News; This Week's Composer: William Byrd (1543-1623). 9 0 News; Music: No. 2 (Elias Fagius, organ); Atollas Portas (Deller Consort); In Nomine 4; Nos. 1 and 2 (Consort of Musicke); Trevor Jones (piano). 10 0 News; Music: Nos. 1 and 2 (Consort of Musicke); Browning Variations. Prelude and Ground (Consort of Musicke); O Lux beata Trinitas; Siderum Rector (Deller Consort). 11 0 News; Three Mazurkas Op. 58; Four Impromptus. Maria Bujanska (piano). 12 0 News; Baroque Two Pictures (Amsterdam Concertgebouw/Dorati); Violin Concerto No. 2 (Kyung-Wha Chung/LPO/Seiji). 1 0 News; Schubert Songs — settings of poems by Schubert's friends. Richard Jackson (baritone), Graham Johnson (piano). 11 50 BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra. Music Week: Doremi (first UK broadcast). Brahms: Piano Concerto No. 1 (Anthony Goldstone).

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